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REDS LAND ON FOUR ISLANDS IN FIERCE BATTLE

Colombian plane crash; 28 killed

Call, Colombia, May 26.
Twenty-eight persons were
killed today when a Douglas
transport plane crashed into
the Galeras Volcano in
Southern Colombia and
burned.

The only known survivor
was a young girl who was
said to have suffered serious
injuries.

The plane, owned by the
Lansa Company, crashed less
than five miles from Pasto. It
was en route from Popayan
to Ipiales.—United Press.

British ship sinks off Swatow

The 1,400-ton British
freighter Ebonal sank on Wed-
nesday morning off Swatow
after an explosion had wrecked
the bow of the vessel.

Seven Chinese passengers were
reported to have been killed and
four of the Chinese crew mem-
bers were injured.

The three Britons on board the
ship, Captain L.C. Church, the
Master, Mr. C.B. Skinner, the
Chief Officer Mr. D.C. Phillips,
the Chief Engineer and 38 Chinese
members of the crew were unhurt
and are now in Swatow.

The vessel was bringing about
600 tons of native products from
Swatow to Hong Kong when an
explosion occurred and the bow
of the vessel rapidly submerged.

Contacted by the "China
Mail" yesterday, the Great
Southern Steamship Company
here, the owners of the vessel,
failed to confirm the report that
the Ebonal sank after striking
a mine. The company was in-
formed of the accident yester-
day morning by its agent in
Swatow.

According to this report, the
Ebonal left Swatow at 5 a.m.
Wednesday morning. While she
was passing Tai-Yu-Kong, about
three hours' cruise from Swatow,
an explosion occurred on the bow
which rapidly sank the ship.
The stern of the vessel was still
visible yesterday.

Other sources reported that the
explosion was either caused by
a mine or by a time-bomb.

A representative of the company
is leaving today for Swatow
where he will conduct an in-
vestigation into the explosion.

The company hopes that the
vessel can be salvaged.

WOMAN ARRESTED IN TAIPEH

Taipei, May 26.
Authorities today announced
the arrest of Mrs. Yeh Tam
Tou-chin, described as a sister-
in-law of General Sung Hsi-
lien, who defected to the Reds in
Szechuan last year.

Mrs. Yeh was arrested yester-
day aboard the British steamer
Soochow at the North coast port
of Keelung near Taipei.

She was accused of trying to
smuggle \$4,070 in United States
currency from Taiwan to Hong
Kong. (Under present regulations,
no one may take out more than
\$200 in United States currency
from Taiwan.)

The Weather

At Hong Kong (5 p.m. HEST) from a
small observation post, a local
sea breeze extended South-Westward
from the coast to the city. Pressure
relatively high both to the S and W of
Hong Kong.

Thunder, rain, light variable wind,
blowing from the S, about 10 knots
occasional showers.

Yesterday's weather:
Maximum 78.5 deg. F.
Minimum 74.5 deg. F.
Sunshine 7.5 hours.
Rainfall 2.5 inches in 24 hours.
Wind S.W. 10 to 15 knots, gusts to 20.
Sea S.W. 1 to 2 miles.
At 10 a.m. on May 26, 1950.
Forecast for 24 hours ending May 27, 1950.
Temperature: 75 to 85 deg. F.
Wind: S.W. 10 to 15 knots, gusts to 20.
Sea: S.W. 1 to 2 miles.
Rain: 0.5 to 1.0 inches.

Gunfire audible in Hong Kong as Nationalist gunboats pound Communist invasion craft

RN LAUNCH AIDS RED SURVIVORS

Communist forces landed on at least four islands of the Ladrone group in a fierce battle which raged the whole day yesterday, and the sound of which was audible in Hong Kong.

More than a dozen Nationalist warships, scattering over a wide area, were still shelling these islands with long range guns yesterday evening.

The islands invaded by the Communist forces are the Poklik (Taiputai) Island, main island of the Ladrone group about 18 miles South East of Macao, Wongmu Island, 12 miles South East of Macao, Chung Chau Shih Island, 10 miles East of Macao, and Chung Chow (Tsing-chow) Island, the Northernmost island of the Lap Sap Mei group.

Lap Sap Mei Island itself was believed to be still in the hands of the Chinese Nationalists up to yesterday evening.

Ships plying between Hong Kong and Macao sailed as usual yesterday, except for the British vessel Fushan which cancelled its trip to Macao. All but the British motor vessel Hong Kong proceeded along the course which passes along the Northern coast of Lantau Island via Kap Shui Mun. Because of the danger, the arrivals of several vessels here were delayed.

According to messages from Macao and eyewitness reports, an amphibious force of the People's Liberation Army attempted to land on the Ladrone at about 7 a.m. yesterday.

The Communist craft were intercepted by Nationalist warships patrolling in the vicinity.

Fighting flared up and gunfire was clearly audible yesterday morning in Macao and Hong Kong.

Gunfire from the Nationalist warships sunk several of the Communist vessels. But Communist forces on the rest of the landing craft, reported to have been more than 100, succeeded in landing on four islands of the Ladrone group and overpowered the weak Nationalist defensive forces there.

Communist soldiers wearing bamboo life jackets were seen clinging to wreckage drifting in the sea near Chung Chau Shih Island.

Survivors picked up

The British vessel Tak Shing, while en route to Macao yesterday morning, picked up more than 100 Communist soldiers drifting in the sea and brought them safely ashore in the early afternoon.

It is reported that some of the Communist survivors were picked up by a British naval launch and transferred to the Tak Shing. Another British vessel, the Hong Kong, also sighted about 60 Communist soldiers clinging to wreckage near Chung Chau Shih Island while on its way back to Hong Kong shortly after noon yesterday. Owing to the hostile remarks of the passengers and the approach of a Nationalist warship, crew of the Hong Kong abandoned the intention of picking up the soldiers and continued course to Hong Kong.

Huge volumes of smoke were also seen emanating from a vessel off near Chung Chau Shih Island. The identity of the vessel could not be ascertained.

The exchange of gunfire was audible in Hong Kong on the Peak and in the Pokfulam area, West of the Central District.

More than 10 Nationalist gunboats, including the fleet flagship, Yung Ko, engaged the Communist vessels. Chinese reports from Macao estimated that some 200 big and small armed craft. This is, however, believed to be an exaggerated figure.

One of the invaders' big armed units was hit and set on fire by Nationalist gunfire and was last seen drifting away from the Ladrone group.

As yet, no news of the fate of the Communist survivors has been received.

Nationalists say invasion repulsed

Taipei, May 26.
The Nationalists today reported they repulsed another Chinese Communist attempt to attack the Wanshan (Ladrone) Islands.

The Defence Ministry said 3,000 Red invaders were killed and 70 taken captive, including the captain of a warship.

It added that Nationalist warships sank one 400-ton landing craft, several gunboats and more than 20 motor-driven junks.—Associated Press.

Riverboat service

The Hong Kong-Macao riverboat service was suspended in the morning because the battle area was just off the regular route. Only one vessel left the Colony for Macao. The battle had not yet broken out when it sailed. Regular services were resumed in the afternoon.

The invasion fleet, according to reports from Macao, came from Sancho Island and Tongkawan, near Macao. Its mission was to make a second attempt to wrest control of the Ladrone from the Nationalists, whose stronghold is at Lap Sap Mei. The fleet was intercepted in the vicinity of Kauchau, only a few miles from Macao.

Reports from the Portuguese Colony said that heavy gunfire brought the Colony's population from their beds at 5.30 a.m. Windows of houses and buildings along Macao's waterfront vibrated as Nationalist naval guns shelled the Communist amphibious force. The invasion fleet was intercepted by four Nationalist gunboats which were later joined by others from bases in the Ladrone.

Hits on targets were visible to crowds who watched the battle from vantage points in Macao.

Heavy gunfire

The Macao correspondents of two Hong Kong newspapers, "New Life Evening Post" and

Rice going to waste in Indo-China fields

Saligon, May 26.
More than 1,000,000 tons of rice are going to waste in the rich Mekong Delta fields South of Saigon because of this blockade on shipments from the rebel-infested region, it was learned today.

The blockade, enforced by French river and air patrols, was set up last year to prevent sympathy for the Vietminh from shipping rice to Saigon for export. The taking of rice from the Vietminh territory through the blockade, enforced by French river and air patrols, was set up last year to prevent sympathy for the Vietminh from shipping rice to Saigon for export. The taking of rice from the Vietminh territory through the blockade, enforced by French river and air patrols, was set up last year to prevent sympathy for the Vietminh from shipping rice to Saigon for export.

The government controls all rice exports from the region.

"Wah Kiu Man Po" radio-telephoned yesterday morning that heavy gunfire broke out between the Nationalist and Communist forces in the vicinity of Kauchau islands, close to Macao.

The invasion fleet was on its way to carrying out a second attempt to drive the Nationalists out of the Ladrone in the Pearl River estuary.

The correspondents said that the invasion fleet was made up of craft coming from Sancho Island and other bases. The fleet started out after midnight but was intercepted on its way by Nationalist patrol boats.

They added that the invasion fleet spread out when intercepting to avoid becoming easy targets for Nationalist naval guns. They said that the fleet was still visible in Macao.

Because of the closeness of Kauchau to Macao, explosions were visible in Macao, said the correspondents.

It is learned that two British naval vessels patrolling yesterday between Tai O and Macao waters offered protection to vessels plying between Macao and Hong Kong.

The Tak Shing was escorted by British naval vessels to a point near Macao along a course about 10 miles North of the area where the fighting between the Chinese Nationalists and Communists took place.

The Chinese vessel Hu Men was also signalled by the British naval craft to sail alongside them.

SHOOTING IN MACAO

Macao, May 26.
The former detective chief of Canton was shot to death at about 3 p.m. today in Macao's busiest thoroughfare, Alameda Ribeiro.

Li Yin, who headed the detective branch of the Canton police before the Kwangtung capital fell to the Communists last year, was fired at twice while walking down the Alameda. Both shots found their mark. The killer made his escape during the ensuing confusion. Li died on the way to hospital.—United Press.

Prominent Singapore man slain

Singapore, May 26.
Mr. Yong Yit-lin, a prominent Singapore Chinese building contractor and Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce last year, was fatally shot in the Chinese Club on Bukit Pasoh Road this afternoon.

He died of his wounds in hospital shortly afterwards.
Mr. Yong, a close friend of the Tiger Balm King Mr. Aw Boon-haw, was a member of the Kuomintang party before the war, but avoided politics after the war. He was recently made a Justice of the Peace by the British Government.

The assailant was reported to have been arrested, but identity had not been revealed.
Earlier in the morning, a van belonging to the Independent Chinese daily "Nanyang Seng-pai" was burnt by terrorists. The paper, which formerly was pro-Kuomintang, is now steering a middle course, veering occasionally, however, to the right. This is the third bus burnt in three weeks as the terrorists expanded their activities into Singapore.

Tackles assailant

Mr. Yong was resting in an easy chair at 2.10 p.m. after lunch when the assailant approached and fired seven shots within two yards. He was hit six times, twice in the chest, but the shot up, tackled the assailant and threw him to the ground before four other club members, playing mahjong nearby, came to his aid. The assailant was held until the police arrived.

The assailant, a Hakka Chinese, was until recently a clerical employee of Mr. Yong's.
Mr. Yong, who was unconscious, died in hospital half an hour later.

Born in China in 1897 Mr. Yong became a British subject. He was married and had several sons and daughters. One of his sons was to be married tomorrow.

The assailant was a 43-year-old Hakka. There was no evidence of a political motive so far.—United Press.

Jap imports of KMA coal

Tokyo, May 26.
The Governor of the Bank of Japan, Mr. Hisato Ichimada, declared that the prospects of importing about 500,000 tons of Kailan coal are bright.

Mr. Ichimada, made this statement yesterday after an interview here with Mr. W. Pryor, the British General Manager of the Kailan Mining Administration.

He said the price per ton of Kailan coal would be about US\$11 c.i.f. Tawitza, Northern Honshu.

Mr. Ichimada pointed out that the large-scale importation of cheap foreign coal is necessary to stabilise Japan's coal industry and to force a rationalisation of Japan's coal industry.

Kailan coal, because of its proximity, quality and cheapness, is urgently needed in Japan, Mr. Ichimada said.—Reuter.

British Consular official in S'hai pays compensation

A Shanghai report reaching Hong Kong yesterday said that the Passport Officer of the British Consulate in Shanghai, Mr. H.F. Gill, was ordered to pay 200,000 people's dollars (HK\$300) as compensation to a beggar girl who was bitten by his dog.
Shanghai "Liberation Daily" said that Chen Tao-yang, 11, was bitten by Mr. Gill's dog as he passed the back door of the British Consulate. The girl was reported to have refused Mr. Gill's offer of 500 people's dollars, and notified a constable.

Mr. Gill was ordered to pay her damages and was ordered by the Whangpoo Security Station to admit his mistake.

He paid the girl's hospital expenses also.—Associated Press.

FRANK OWEN RESIGNS

London, May 26.
Mr. Frank Owen, who served under Lord Mountbatten in South East Asia during the war, has edited the "Foreign Journal" since 1945. He has been a member of the House of Commons since 1950. He is now a member of the House of Lords. He is now a member of the House of Lords. He is now a member of the House of Lords.

BRITISH SHIP TO SAIL FOR SHANGHAI TODAY

The ss. Mausang of Jardine, Matheson and Company is expected to sail from Hong Kong for Shanghai tonight.

The first vessel to sail for Shanghai from Hong Kong after the occupation of Chusan Islands by Chinese Communist forces, the 3,372-ton ship is carrying less than 1,000 tons cargo. The ship is not carrying passengers.

An official of the Company stressed that by sending the Mausang to Shanghai, the Company is only resuming the normal shipping service between Shanghai and this port.

Observers banned at Baguio

Baguio, May 26.
Delegates of the seven Asian nations in a secret session today barred official observers from the Baguio conference to begin tomorrow, thus firmly bolting the door against even nominal participation by Nationalist China.

According to the Philippine Foreign Secretary, Mr. Carlos Romulo, the action was the first veto exercised by an undisclosed number of representatives after they adopted the unanimity rule under which any single country could reject any matter up for conference discussion.

Looking worn and harassed, the usually effervescent Mr. Romulo told a press conference that all but the opening and closing sessions of the conference would be closed and that it would probably end on May 28.

Observers pointed out that four countries objected to inviting Nationalist China in the first place and apparently did not even want its representatives as observers.

Mr. Romulo, in a statement voiced over Manila Radio to night, declared "lasting and equitable" peace could start in Asia as well as world war. This was believed to be in answer to remarks made a few hours earlier in the British House of Commons.

The delegates, who will be searching for a peace formula, passed in and out of the main gate of Mansion House which bore the sign "Deposit all fire arms here."

Mr. Romulo said the delegates also decided to elect a conference President at the opening session on Friday, to draw up the agenda at a closed meeting on Friday afternoon, and to meet as a committee of the whole every morning and afternoon.

Thus the preliminary stage of the conference, begun on a note of secrecy.
All the seven delegations arrived here by plane this morning, landing in alphabetical order starting with Australia and ending with the United States of Indonesia. They were greeted personally by 19-gun salutes in the case of India and Indonesia and 17-gun salutes in the case of the others.—United Press.

NATIONALISTS RAID AMOY

Taipei, May 26.
Nationalist warplanes yesterday raided the Communist airfield at Amoy opposite Taiwan, causing much damage and many casualties, Air Headquarters claimed today.—Associated Press.

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U.S. economic aid programme for Indo-China

Saligon, May 26.
The United States announced today a programme of economic aid for Indo-China, but warned that the main responsibility for restoring stability to the war-torn country rests with France and the associated Indo-China States.—Associated Press.

Big Three arms for ME states

Paris, May 26.
The United States, Britain and France agreed to arm Middle Eastern states against possible Communist aggression in return for pledges that the Israeli-Arab war will not be renewed, it was announced today.

The agreement was reached at the Big Three Foreign Ministers conference in London last week, the Foreign Office announced. It called for impartial shipments of arms to Israel and the seven states of the Arab League. It said each government presently receiving arms from any of the Big Three pledged not to attack any other state.

Arms shipments will be authorized to any other state only if a similar pledge is made. Any state violating this pledge will be called account both within the United Nations and by the Big Three powers. The ministers agreed that they promised both the Arabs and the Israelis that any aggression against one or the other would be stopped in its tracks.

It was understood that Britain is at present shipping arms to Arab states under treaty agreements but that arms shipments to Israel are barred. Israeli officials have protested to the United States.—United Press.

JAY-WALKER FINED

Summoned before Mr. Thomas Tai of Kowloon Traffic Court yesterday, Ngau Yeung of 302 Lockhart Road, was fined \$10 for jay-walking.
Traffic Sub-Inspector G. Har-decre, prosecuting, said that it was the first of its kind in Kowloon as no regulations against jay-walking came into force some time ago.
Mr. Har-decre said that defendant on Tuesday afternoon while crossing Nathan Road at the junction of Prince Edward Road was not looking where he was going, adding that it was fortunate that he was not knocked down by a car.

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CINEMA WORLD

"Pinky" is a credit to Hollywood film-makers

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★

"Pinky," which is now at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres, is without doubt one of the best films to come out of Hollywood since the end of the war, and a heartening sign of a more mature approach to film-making.

It achieves unusual realism and tackles the problem of the Negro in the Southern United States with a frankness that is astounding and commendable.

There was a time not so long ago, when a movie had to be entertainment first and foremost, and hang the message or seriousness of the plot. The result was the "escapist" picture which, instead of "freeing" the movie-goer from all the "inhibitions" dreamed up by our modern psychiatrists, usually left him more discontent with his lot than ever.

While the production of these films continues—and will as long as there are morons among men—it is gratifying to note that films dealing with something serious and important are finding favour among audiences, which in our capitalist society means they are "box office" attractions and therefore not to be sneezed at; hence we can expect more of them.

"Pinky" is a serious film—one of the most serious and thought-provoking and disturbing films Hollywood has ever made. It takes the case of Pinky, a Negro girl (Jeanne Crain), who is fair-skinned enough to pass for a White. She has graduated in a Northern town as a nurse and is in love with a doctor, but, afraid to tell him that her grandmother is coloured, she returns home to the South.

Back in the appalling Negro quarter of her home town she is subjected to a succession of humiliations and cruelties—subtle ones as well as the more obvious kind. And she suffers at the hands of her own people as well as through the Whites. When an elderly white woman (Ethel Barrymore) is taken ill, Pinky nurses her until death, and in gratitude the old woman leaves her her house. The woman's relatives then mobilise the race prejudice of the town to try to prevent Pinky inheriting.

The court scene, in which the case is heard, is one of the most cleverly constructed and effective ever made and I am not going to give away its skilfully concealed climax. It is enough to say that in its uncompromising attitude, the subtlety and understanding of its approach, and the restraint and sensitivity of Elia Kazan's direction the picture never strikes a false note.

Miss Crain, previously known to us as the bloom on some pretty musicals, comes triumphantly through her test in this dramatic role. As the coloured grandmother, Ethel Waters is touchingly good, too.



JEANNE CRAIN and THE SOUTH
A heartening sign.

Welles' interesting "Macbeth" at the Lee

Rating: ★ ★ ★

"Macbeth," directed and acted by Orson Welles and now at the Lee Theatre, is an unconventional but interesting experiment with Shakespeare, and therefore worth seeing.

Its unconventionality arises from Mr. Welles' treatment of one of the Master's better known tragedies. Although his interpretation of "Macbeth" may possibly not coincide with Sir Lawrence Olivier's, the Hollywood Wonder Boy lends his production some excellent atmosphere to make the film version an impressive one.

Using all the tricks of the trade as only he can, Mr. Welles succeeds in creating an excellent mood for tragedy. His imagination, five ways with a camera, his use of the light and shadow contrast, and of the echo of his own voice, make the audience forget that the Macbeth of the screen is a shadow more cruel and unscrupulous than Shakespeare meant him to be. Mr. Welles' atmosphere, which pervades the film as it did his "Citizen Kane," plus a creditable performance by Jeanette Nolan as Lady Macbeth, also tends to forgive the occasional transpositions of the text and the on-again-off-again use of a Scotch brogue. Among the outstanding scenes Mr. Welles has created with the camera few will be better remembered than his recitation of the passage, "Tomorrow and tomorrow..." against the background of an impenetrable mist. Then, too, there is his outburst against the witches on the eve of battle on the castle wall, done to the accompaniment of thunder and lightning which throw weird shadows of crucifixes and branches against a cold gray.

The Hubbards are coming to the King's

Rating: ★ ★ ★

If you ever had a good time hating anyone, you can't afford to miss "Another Part of the Forest" which opens next at the King's Theatre.

Here are a whole flock of people you can hate to your heart's delight. But while you're hating them you will be kept on the edge of your seat by this exciting post-Civil War story enacted in an uncompromising, straight-forward manner. Lillian Hellman first created the Hubbard family for the Broadway play and subsequent picture, "The Little Foxes." "Another Part of the Forest" brings you the same selfish, bickering family one generation earlier. However, the family characteristics still prevail. And they are made to stand out vividly by one of the finest collections of individual portrayals ever assembled in a single production.

Fredric March does some flawless acting in this film as the father.

Dan Duryea, Edmond O'Brien and Ann Blyth, playing March's children, also are outstanding individually and collectively. Each is a distinct personality and each has his or her own method of achieving their common aim—making life miserable for the others.

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Mr. Bogart takes to the air

Rating: ★ ★ ★

Humphrey Bogart, one of the most popular action stars in the Hollywood firmament, is now at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres in a made-to-order, action story — "Chain Lightning."

A yarn, using jet-propelled planes as a background, "Chain Lightning" shows Bogart as a test pilot for the hot jobs and marks the first feature picture of such proportions to let the public in on the latest thing in aviation.

Providing the love interest is Eleanor Parker who made such a hit in "The Voice of the Turtle" two years ago.

Miss Parker early in the story plays a Red Cross girl in England who meets the intrepid Army pilot played by Bogart. When after the war his talents are needed to test the fastest type of lighter plane devised by man, it is she who brings Bogart back to his first love—and how he flies them provides for great film action.

In such a story, the talents of Humphrey Bogart whose fans know him as a rough handler of women as well as men or machines, are ready-made and "Chain Lightning" is worth your while.

Two top stage performers fill feature roles in "Chain Lightning"—Raymond Massey and Richard Whorf, with Stuart Heisler directing.

RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classifications to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:

- ★★★★ Excellent
- ★★★ Above average
- ★★ Average
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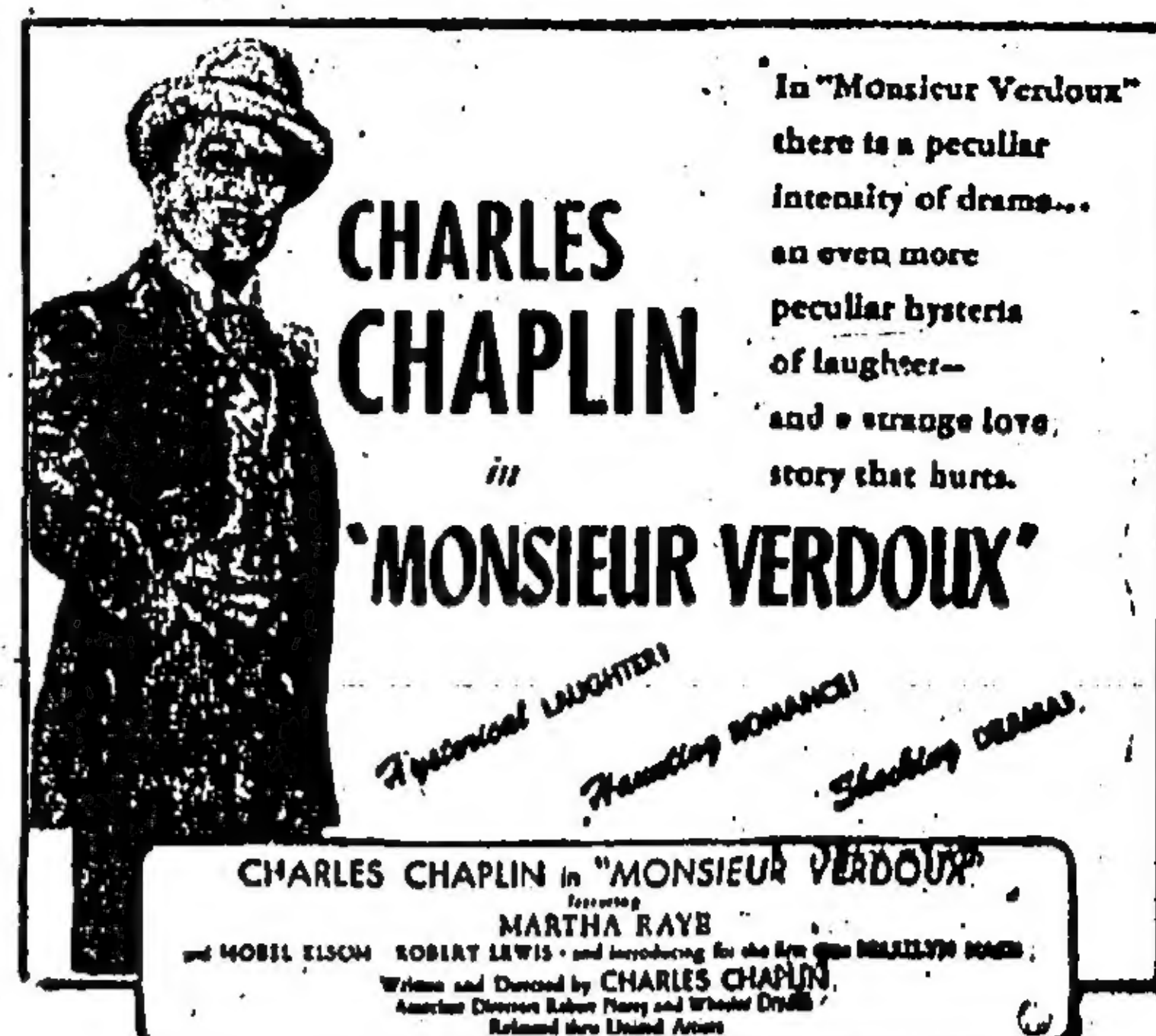


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PORTENTS

Statements by American refugees from China about the rising pro-American sentiment in Shanghai drew from a leading New York paper the dry comment that this was interesting but not significant. A curb on wish-thinking is necessary; there has been too much of it in the past. Everybody has been caught off guard. The conservatives who backed the Generalissimo never imagined his armies would lose the entire mainland in a year. The cosmopolitans who had a weakness for the Communists never quite bargained for so complete a go-over to the Kremlin or so thorough-paced an economic revolution in the space of a few months.

The present feverish phase will run its course, and it's risky to say just how long that will take. Certainly when the change does come, it will operate from altered economic foundations. The future of Western enterprise in China will be concerned much less with peanuts and dogskins and much more with vast power schemes, railways, and capital equipment generally, along the lines laid down in Sun Yat-sen's work on the International Development of China.

The change of sentiment that is going on is merely a portent. For some time to come we must expect the fighting pacifists of the ruling regime to vary shouts of triumph over the conquests of the liberation armies with violent attacks on the war-mongering pacifists in the West, and equally industrious demands for peace. As the Communists have no sense of humour they must not be expected to laugh with us at the irony of it all. Sooner rather than later, no doubt, they will realise that the more they talk about the desperate aims of the "West" to crush "the people" by war, the more the people are likely to welcome the prospect.

Indeed, the police in Nanking have already had to take action against tea-house commentators who were making a good living by describing American military power and saying how tough it would be for the Kremlin when war did come. The "peace" propaganda, now being carried on puts the stress on atomic weapons: the tea-house gossips carry on the good work by saying the "United States has a bomb that will blow up the whole of the Soviet Union! That is the sort of twist that is being given to the campaign launched by the international Communist movement, which has already reached as far South as our neighbouring province. A local Chinese Press report said that 10,000 inhabitants of the Yangkong district in Western Kwangtung had signed a joint appeal against the use of atomic weapons and in support of the "world peace movement." For China that is pretty good going!

This spring offensive was prepared by the so-called World Peace Congress which met in Stockholm last March. Operational orders went out to all the Communist parties abroad. One of the first measures was to interfere, in the ports, with the shipments of American arms and equipment under the Atlantic Pact. Originally the movement began among intellectuals some two years ago—

Now that the Parliament of 1945 to 1950 can be seen in perspective, it is clear that it will go down to history as one of the Parliaments which have moulded Britain's destiny.

In the course of the social and political revolution which has carried through, many old and respected institutions have been abolished or changed. The Bank of England ceased to exist as a private corporation. The British Empire in India was brought to an end. The House of Lords had its powers further reduced. Great new national corporations were brought into being.

When old institutions are done away with, this nearly always causes some sadness. People think of political institutions as if they were old furniture or old houses or old trees. Though for safety's sake they must be demolished, parting with them is a wrench. To take one small instance, tears are being shed—so some newspapers would tell us—over the abolition of the university constituencies in Parliament.

This veneration for the old is a very natural sentiment. But if carried too far, it can have deplorable results. It leads to a blind conservatism and to blocking all reasonable change.

Burke's outlook

It was the great, though in some ways misguided, political philosopher Burke who started the habit of regarding all old institutions as sacred by reason of their age. For Burke in his later life it was almost enough to say that an institution had its roots deep in time for him to regard it as sacrosanct. In his younger days when his mind was more elastic, Burke had a much healthier outlook. At that time he defined government as "a contrivance of human wisdom for supplying human needs."

If the state is simply a contrivance of human wisdom, then its institutions have to be changed either as wisdom increases or as the human needs change, as they must from decade to decade. There would be much less mud thinking over reform if people would think of institutions, not as things, but as ways of behaving or ways of managing things. That, really, is all they are. Law Courts, parliaments, and so on, are simply ways of managing the affairs of the nation. That and no more.

In all life, organic, animal, political, the basic laws are of growth and change. All nature is in a state of flux, and things in nature must change with nature. That is why it is a sign of health in a nation if its institutions are from time to time reformed. A nation in which institutions remain static for a long time is one in which death is creeping over it. It is becoming petrified. For such states the end is destruction. France before the

long before the Communist forces conquered all China—as a more or less genuine pacifist movement. In due course it was taken hold of by the Cominform and transformed into mass action in support of Soviet foreign policy.

Now the controllers of the campaign are trying to mobilise against the Americans all sentiment in favour of international control of atomic weapons. Few to whom they appeal will either know or even believe that international control has in fact been demanded by the United States, and that the only real obstacle to it is the Soviet Union itself, with its refusal to permit proper supervision.

Certainly this point was not mentioned at the peace rally in Peking a few days ago, when, amid the flutterings of "peace" pigeons, the delegates loudly demanded that atomic weapons be unconditionally banned because their use would massacre mankind. The Chinese people are pacifist by nature, despite the turbulence of the present generation and the long periods of disorder in the past. On the face of it, the choice of atomic warfare as the principal plank in the propaganda campaign was pretty shrewd. But there is also a strong strain of cynicism in the Chinese make-up and while they are easily fooled when they want to be fooled, they are among the hardest to convince when they don't want to be convinced. That appears to be the state of mind that is growing among them as a result of the new regime's adulation of everything Russian and the too frequent reminders they are given—such as the "popularisation" of the Russian language—of their experiences under the Japanese occupation and the "puppet" Government headed by Wang Ching-wel in Nanking.

CHANGE AND DECAY

By "Windrush"

Special correspondent

French Revolution is one example. Russia the Russian Revolution is another.

Of great importance

These may seem rather academic reflections. But it is of great importance for public life, especially in the present anxious days, that we should keep our minds flexible, and should not hesitate to make changes as soon as they are needed, even in those parts of the state which are regarded as most hallowed.

"Reform that you may preserve," said Macaulay, the great liberal historian of 100 years ago. British success in the nineteenth century was due to the vigorous and ruthless willingness of the

Victorians to move with the times and give up the old ways.

It is often argued, and rightly, that the sense of tradition is one of the assets in British politics. Tradition is a kind of inherited instinct of a people. It helps them to act, as if by habit, in ways which have been found socially useful. But tradition, if it prevents needed reform, can also be a pest. One of the worst things which society can possess is a too strong sense of history. "Happy is the nation which has a short history." If you have a long history the best thing to do is to forget it. A nation's past can be as embarrassing as a woman's. Forgetting history, or ignoring history, is precisely what Britain excels at. There have certainly

been good historians in England. Gibbon, Macaulay, Professor Trevelyan, in our own day—but the vast majority of English people regard history as over and done with. They think of themselves as starting from scratch. They study things as they are, and decide what the facts of the case require at the present time, without being fettered by an over-developed historical memory.

Under the present Parliament there is likely to be a relaxation in the tempo of change. The next Parliament may be a Conservative one, more concerned with administration than with radical reform. For the time being this may be a good thing. After great reforms, rest is needed. But it would be dangerous if the idea grew up that there was any virtue in conservatism as such. There must be unremitting vigilance in adjusting British society to the ever-changing times.

Fireside Echoes—No. 17:

The start of hostilities

W. G. M. Wilson, Bovill, Simpson, Lawrence, Davies, Ringnald, John, Burke and Duncan, all connected with the Shell Co. (China) Ltd., Frankenberg, O. Smith, Muelco, Lay, Gardner, Lowder, Pouncey, Garcia, Gawler, Skinner, Storrs, Kelly, Risberg, and Ram, with the Customs Service; Tweedie and Pearson with the Salt Administration; Clarke, Henderson, Scott-Morris, and Hammond; with Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.; Sainsbury, Wheeler, Riemer, Quick, and Cruickshank; with Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd.; Tison, Wyatt-Smith, and Stockley, with the British Consulate; Johnson, McVay, Rice, Rowe, and Ward, with the American Consulate; Cook, Lloyd, Walker, and Stewart, with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation; Forster, the brothers Frank and Joe Smith, Middleton-Smith, and Evans, with Boyd & Co.; P. E. Smith and J. Chubb with Dodwell & Co., Ltd.; the brothers Gustav and Fred Siemssen, Heinsohn, Luder, Hartl, Holthe, and Tienfenecher, with Siemssen & Krohn, and Geo. L. Shaw, with his two sons Samuel and Luis, and Mardas, with G. L. Shaw & Sons.

There was a great deal of talent amongst the community and those Ladies whose efforts in this direction proved so greatly successful are worthy of record: Mesdames, J. G. P. Wilson, Lowder, Pearson, Clarke, Henderson, Scott-Morris, Cook, Lloy, and Luder.

legal charities. Interest revived to in the Fochow Amateur Dramatic Society, known as the Fochow Club, and the institution of a Christmas pantomime or a light comedy sketch for the benefit of the children in port, continued through to 1942, receiving much support especially from 1939 onwards.

By Wm. M.S. Brand

In 1936 the work of the Customs Service in patrolling coastal and inland waters was speeded up and modernised by the acquisition of high-powered shallow-draft pocket-type cruisers, under the command of and officered by Europeans. The appearance of these vessels at Fochow, taking up their berth at Jardine, Matheson's foreshore, added greatly to the enlightenment of the community and to Club life in general. Two of these vessels were based on the port, with which are connected the names of Kelly, Skinner, Ram and Risberg.

The following year war-clouds swiftly enveloped North China following the "China Incident". During September of 1937 the Min River was closed to shipping as a precautionary measure against Japanese naval action. Consequently all vessels had to berth at Woga Anchorage just within the mouth of the river, where, in that month, as many as 18 ships were counted in a single morning riding at anchor including American and British naval units.

Japs evacuated

The last remnants of the Japanese community at Fochow had been evacuated on August 20, 1937, the day on which their Consulate-General closed its doors. Fochow was left alone till the New Year. During January, 1938, Japanese naval spokesmen broadcasting from Shanghai warned all shipping interests of a possible blockade of the Chekiang coast. Events followed swiftly to disrupt the life of the port.

On February 22, 1938, Chinese planes successfully reached and bombed targets along the Northern coast of Taiwan in the vicinity of Keelung and Taipei. The following morning four heavy Japanese bombers wrecked the small airfield lying in the Eastern suburbs of Fochow City. The bombing was inaccurate and a heavy toll of civilian life resulted which roused public indignation to such a pitch that the Japanese Consulate-General was burnt to the ground and other Japanese properties wrecked.

Items of broadcast news indicated that this was a retaliation for the bombing of Keelung which it was believed had been launched from Fochow. March, 1938, witnessed the Japanese occupation of the three islands of Amoy, Kulangsu, and Quemoy, preparatory to an intensification of the coastal blockade. An air-strip was immediately set out on Quemoy and from that day Fochow's headwinds began. During Easter-week an exhibition of aerial might was staged over the port and thereafter almost daily, through to June, often from 6.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., a solo or a pair of planes overhead had traffic at a standstill and business paralysed.

Life had to be adapted accordingly, so banks and offices operated in the evenings. The Foreign Community continued playing golf and tennis at the Racecourse during the day, the Japanese flyers obligingly leaving the players alone when they did pass overhead. Club life generally received a slump.

During May, 1938, the Japanese Navy intimated that as from June 1 the China coast between San-tung and Swatow would be

blockaded. They granted permission for two or three foreign vessels to call for evacuees prior to this dead-line. Needless to say—Evacuees it occurs so repeatedly in times of crisis—swarms of wealthy Chinese, mostly officials and quasi-officials, left for Hong Kong and Shanghai, the latter port then under full Japanese domination.

Islands occupied

June and July witnessed the Japanese occupation of the main islands lying off the Chekiang and Fukien coasts. These were mainly used as supply depots. Meanwhile, the provincial government were ordering a mass movement of the population inland. Factories and schools were widely dispersed. Consuls implored elderly missionaries to evacuate and generally all those whose services were not actively required; but the majority decided to stay put. Hospitals were urged to remove inland without a thought as to where they might go; by what means their expensive equipment might be transported, or the slightest thought being given to their in-patients.

The blockade was effected, mines laid at important points, and the coast-line patrolled by Japanese naval units supplemented by motorised fishing junks armed with a 3" gun at the bow in addition to machine-guns. Prior to the blockade, however, the Nationalist Government decided the Fochow Tea Trade to be conducted from Hong Kong, to which port stocks would be transported overland, and ordered foreign firms interested to make their own arrangements accordingly.

This decision meant the evacuation of several prominent Club Members. Previously the Customs cruisers had weighed anchor and made Hong Kong safely. The absence of their foreign personnel on the Club rolls was, however, compensated by the arrival of other Customs personnel from outlying coastal stations. Lower was the Commissioner of Customs when hostilities commenced. He was responsible for the installation of a darts-board in the Customs Club, an innovation quickly to be followed by the Fochow Club. A game of darts over a tankard of "Evel" Beer and exchange of views in connection with Japan's intentions in the South Pacific became the order of the day.

(To be continued)



The Colony is to contribute a million sterling towards our part in the cold war. Just the cool million.

It's a bit thick, but I never seem to benefit, weather non-working days are announced or not.

Bergman and Rossellini married by proxy. The ceremony may have taken place at long distance, but one gathers that the courting didn't.

Another advantage has been added to living on the Peak. You can now watch naval actions from there.

Tokyo exporters accuse firms in India and Africa of selling inferior textiles bearing Jap trade marks.

An interesting example of someone imitating the imitators themselves.

"All the dancing horses of the Colony" are safe to be attending Sunday's charity dance. What I want to know is where they are going to find room for the ticket holders.

Myrtle wonders if Buckingham Palace will soon be giving the engaged signal.

Some people are funny. I once knew a man who hadn't kissed his wife for 10 years. Then he went and shot a fellow who did.

"Another measure sponsored by the Board of Trade will provide financial aid to encourage industries to move into development areas."

Smacks of inflation to me. True-life "I don't want to leave the jungle" drama is being enacted in Singapore. Dutch girl looked after by amah for eight years says: I would hug to leave here and I don't give a Rotterdam for Holland.

One-year-old baby in Tokyo weighs 45 lbs.

Impressive though this is, I understand it won't make a SCAP of difference to the population control scheme.

Courts in Delaware, U.S.A., have been embarrassed by a charge of witchcraft they had on their hands. They felt that witch-hunting is a relic of a bygone age and should be confined to Washington.



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COMMONS DEBATES FAR EAST

Britain to vote for Peking?

Lake Success, May 24.
Mr. Ernest Bevin's speech on China in the House of Commons today indicates that Britain and Norway will vote to expel Nationalist China from the Security Council whenever another ballot is taken on that issue, according to a European UN delegate who asked that his name should not be published.
The delegate had no idea when the vote will come.
Even with British and Norwegian support, such a motion would be two votes short of the necessary seven. France and Egypt hold crucial votes.
The U.S., Cuba and Ecuador are not expected to vote for expelling the Nationalists but to accept the decision of the majority. The USSR, Yugoslavia and India have already voted for the removal of Nationalist China. — Associated Press.

CALL BY LABOUR MEMBER

London, May 24.
Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour Member of Parliament, tonight urged the calling of a conference between Britain, India, Pakistan and the United States to decide what was to be done about Indo-China, where, he said, the French are fighting a losing battle.

He was speaking in the debate on South East Asia and the Far East, which had been opened earlier by Mr. Anthony Eden for the Opposition.

Mr. Wyatt, who recently returned from Malaya, then commented on the position in that country, claiming that Britain was in a fair way to losing Malaya to the Communists.

He suggested putting Malaya immediately under the Commonwealth Relations Office or possibly a special department of the Foreign Office.

Lord John Hope (Conservative) said during the debate that it was no use pretending that Britain could hold Malaya if Indo-China went, Singapore, and Burma would go and, he believed, Siam, Indonesia and the Philippines as well.

"Then what of India, outflanked and with her food supplies cut off," he asked.

Indo-China has got to be held and he was glad the United States at least was determined that it should be held.

Mr. Mott Radcliffe (Conservative) suggested that Britain and the United States should get together with India and Pakistan who are themselves facing the threat of Communism, to work out a co-ordinated scheme of propaganda on the air. — Reuter.

WINDSOR TO VISIT ENGLAND

New York, May 24.
The Duke of Windsor, who sailed with the Duchess in the Queen Mary today for Paris, will visit England.

He said that there was no truth whatsoever in a report that he is returning because of alleged Royal Family displeasure with his articles about his early life. While in Europe, he will start work on a book which he described as an expansion of his magazine articles.

The Duchess described her clothes to reporters as a grey herringbone tweed suit and a close-fitting, trim, brown velvet hat.

"No one ever asks about my clothes," commented the Duke. He added that the brown tweed suit he was wearing was 20 years old.

The Duke and Duchess will remain abroad until about Christmas time and will then return to the U.S. — Associated Press.

DYAKS TO HELP IN MALAYA

London, May 24.
John Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, told Parliament today that Dyak headhunters from North Borneo are being sent to Malaya to fight Communist terrorists.

Mr. Dugdale was answering questions whether he could further improve the effectiveness of the campaign against the terrorists by temporarily enlisting jungle tribesmen from North Borneo.

Mr. Dugdale said: "We can rest assured that the authorities in Malaya have constantly under consideration how the assistance of these and other tribesmen can best be utilized. The number of Dyaks attached to the armed forces in Malaya is being increased." — United Press.

Foreign Secretary on recognition of Peking BRITAIN'S TASK IN FAR EAST

London, May 24.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, defending his Government's recognition of Communist China in Parliament today, pressed his view that Mao Tse-tung's Government should be admitted to the United Nations Organisation.

"We do not want to ostracise anyone on political grounds," Mr. Bevin asserted during a House of Commons debate on South East Asia and the Far East.

He was replying to a charge by Mr. Anthony Eden, a former Foreign Secretary who is now deputy leader of the Opposition, that British policy in recognising Communist China was out of step with the Commonwealth nations and the United States.

Mr. Eden suggested that it would have been wiser to delay recognition until there was a united front on the issue.

The Foreign Secretary said: "If Britain, like the United States, had walked out of China I really think we should have thrown the Far East away forever."

"I think it was right at the time not to leave the Russians to assume that they were the only people who wished to do anything at all for China," Mr. Bevin added.

But Mr. Bevin put the blame squarely on Russia for the United Nations deadlock on China.

"America, with all her feeling for China, has made a very fair offer," Mr. Bevin said.

America had agreed not to vote, but not to veto too. If seven other Security Council members voted to admit Communist China, America had agreed to accept the decision.

Main object

"We have tried quite frankly to see if we could get a seven-member vote on this matter," Mr. Bevin said.

"Our main object was to see China inside the United Nations because we believe that association for those countries which are emerging is a good thing."

Mr. Bevin continued, "Although it may be an unpleasant decision to have to recognise the Communists, I have searched my conscience as to the alternative and have come to the conclusion that the advice I gave to the Cabinet was right and in a few years to come I think it will turn out to be right."

Mr. Bevin thought that it was very important to be "inside" in China. While there was criticism in the United States about the British decision, Britain was, at the same time, asked to take over American responsibilities.

"Supposing we had said: 'You are going. We are going out too.' I really think that we should have thrown the Far East away forever."

HK planes

Mr. Bevin said that Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Opposition, had pressed him to recognise Communist China when he spoke in the House of Commons on the subject.

With regard to the 71 planes in dispute at Hong Kong, it was not a matter for a British Foreign Secretary to settle. It was a matter for the courts and the Government would abide by the decision of the courts.

The Government, he said, had no intention of submitting to little things coming out of China that were irritating and annoying.

Mr. Bevin said that British interests had been hard hit by the blockade of the Chinese Nationalist forces in Taiwan. But the United States and Britain were agreed on the need for co-operation in trying to stabilise the position in China today.

"I cannot believe, however, that all Chinese have become Communists overnight such as is suggested," he said.

New technique in Malaya

Turning to Malaya, Mr. Bevin said he thought that the British Government had given full support to supplying the equipment the Forces needed to fight the guerrillas.

"I am not at all sure that the success of the Communist armies



ERNEST BEVIN

In China is the cause of the recrudescence of the guerrillas," he said.

"A new technique has been worked out there which, I believe, would have been introduced in any event whether the Chinese Communists had been successful or not."

A prompt response had been made to requests that a new type of wireless set should be sent out to the Forces in Malaya.

The Malays had not adopted Communism and there was no sign of any great development of it in Malaya.

"Perhaps the greatest evidence of the Malay people's resistance to Communism was the fact that they have rallied so enthusiastically to the Malay Regiment and the police."

"This, I think, is the best test one can apply," he said.

Prefers British

The local inhabitants who had been called upon to defend their country against the guerrillas had shown that they preferred the British with their political system. They had accepted the undertaking Britain gave that the Malay people should proceed step by step to self-government.

"But we cannot force that self-government on a people and, at the same time, leave them in a position unable to defend themselves."

"As soon as this thing is over we shall proceed once again to extend—as we are now doing—in every possible way the social, political and cultural development of Malaya."

On Indo-China, Mr. Bevin said that the British Government had tried in a friendly way to persuade the French and the Dutch to recognise in South East Asia the emergence of nationalism and economic development.

"We have taken the view that it would be better for all of us to proceed along the lines that we did in India, Pakistan and Burma, so that the basis upon which nationalism emerges will be of such a character that there will not be diversity of systems but the people could be brought together in co-operation."

Co-ordination of effort

"There has to be in South East Asia a great co-ordination of effort by the people themselves and particularly by the Government."

"In Colombo when the Spender Plan—for help to South East Asia—was evolved, we took care to make provision for all those countries to be associated with it, whether in the Commonwealth or not."

The British Government had desired rather more independence for the Bao Dai Government but he understood the French had the situation constantly under review, Mr. Bevin said. The handicap was the civil war in Indo-China.

Mr. Bevin then referred to the American, British and French protest to Russia over the arming of the police in the Eastern zone of Germany.

"I think the development there is significant," he said.

It may be no challenge directly to a State, but it may be an attempt to use these forces in a very brutal civil war. We have to look at that extremely carefully."

Nasty thing

A glance at the map of the world would show that there was a big civil war in Indo-China, he said.

"A big one in Europe might be a very nasty thing for the rest of the world."

"Hence the other countries are watching what is developing with very great interest."

Mr. Bevin said that the solution of the world of the future would be by conferences.

"It is going to be by regular and closer meetings. The more you meet the more you understand. You discuss a problem and it is the solution of the problem that grips you."

In a reference to Japan, Mr. Bevin said that the conclusion of a peace treaty was a difficult question for the United States was the prime factor. One could not move without them.

Britain's task

In a reference to Burma, Mr. Bevin said, "If everybody friendly to Burma will encourage the Karens to settle their differences, law and order can be settled at a very early date."

"We must not get outside accentuate the differences between these races or this civil war will continue."

On Britain's task in the Far East, Mr. Bevin said, "I believe that as a result of the policy we are following, we are building up very great friendships."

He pointed to South East Asia in the term Far East. It was, he said, really all one great area in which Britain had very vital interests indeed.

"The friendship towards us in that territory is better than it has ever been," he declared.

"We have had to give up occupation of a good many countries, but memories and difficulties have disappeared as in a night and this country's standing is very high indeed."

A new area

Mr. Bevin reminded the House that they had to take into account in dealing with South East Asia the opinion of India, Pakistan and Ceylon as well as the United States and other countries.

Congratulations Australia on the "villie" work done at Sydney. Mr. Bevin said that Britain had benefited from having Canada as a bridge to the United States and he was very anxious that Australia should play a similar part in the Pacific so that the Pacific and

Eastern German army a problem for the West

London, May 24.
Many British newspapers today gave front-page prominence to the Western Governments' protest to Moscow against the building up of an army in Eastern Germany.

"The Times" said in an editorial, "In protesting to Moscow against the existence of strongly armed police units in Eastern Germany the Western Governments have really put a question to themselves."

"What is their own policy to be in face of this dangerous breach of the numerous four-Power agreements on the disarmament of Germany?"

The paper said, "Perhaps as an interim measure the Western Powers could agree to let Western Germany have its own federal police with small arms, but this development would not affect the two main alternatives: an armed force in Germany or continued garrisoning."

Dismissing the first alternative—arms for Germany—as not practical politics at present, "The Times" said that the Allies are left to carry out their often expressed determination to keep forces in Germany as long as they are necessary.

The "Daily Telegraph" wrote, "What has so far been done in East Germany is to experiment upon the same para-military lines that Hitler pursued with the double object of adding fresh weight to the heavy arm of the Police State upon its subjects and of exploiting the long established German tendency to see the solution of internal disorders in the possible use abroad of a well-trained army."

Only beginning

The paper added, "At the present stage, it would be difficult to maintain that the alert squads are in themselves a

serious military threat to anyone but a disarmed Western zone of Berlin, supposing Allied occupation forces were withdrawn.

"But the fact that Russia has so rapidly raised an armed force of 50,000 in her zone and found German ex-officers who previously served the Nazis willing to command and train the troops under Soviet supervision suggests that we have only seen the beginning."

The diplomatic correspondent of the Communist "Daily Worker" saw in the British note to Russia "a propaganda drive by the British, French and American Governments to prepare their peoples for the formation of an undisguised West German army." — Reuter.

EMPIRE BARRIER TO REDS

Liverpool, May 24.
The Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said today that the Commonwealth nations are the main barrier to extension of the Communist ideology spreading through Asia.

The Commonwealth nations could defeat Communism not by force of arms but by presenting the example of a better world rising material standards, political and social progress and freedom.

Speaking to the Royal Empire Society here, he said:

"I believe that we may look forward to a phase of development in which the Commonwealth, bringing the West and East in mutual understanding and respect, can play a major part in promoting those economic and political conditions which make for stability and the avoidance of war."

Sir Hartley said Britain's object in dealing with her Colonies was to guide those territories to responsible self-government within the Commonwealth.

"In Malaya now we are having to oppose forces by force to suppress the lawless activities of bandits whose triumph would be the end of any hope of freedom or of democratic self-government."

"But neither in Malaya nor elsewhere do we imagine for a moment, nor do we for a moment desire, that arms should suppress the natural aspirations of the Colonial peoples striving on more actively for the improvement of their conditions and for responsibility for their own Government."

In the East or anywhere else, he declared, Communism must be countered not by force but by progress, by development, by the steady improvement of living conditions, the steady devolution of responsibility. — Associated Press.

SHINWELL TURNS DOWN AMNESTY

London, May 24.
The Minister of Defence, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, today rejected a demand in the House of Commons for an amnesty for deserters from the Forces.

An amnesty, he said, would be unfair to those who had surrendered and had been punished and to those who served loyally. — Reuter.

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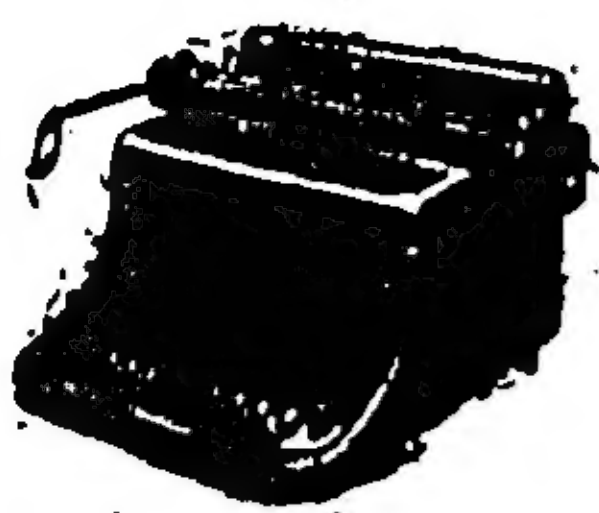
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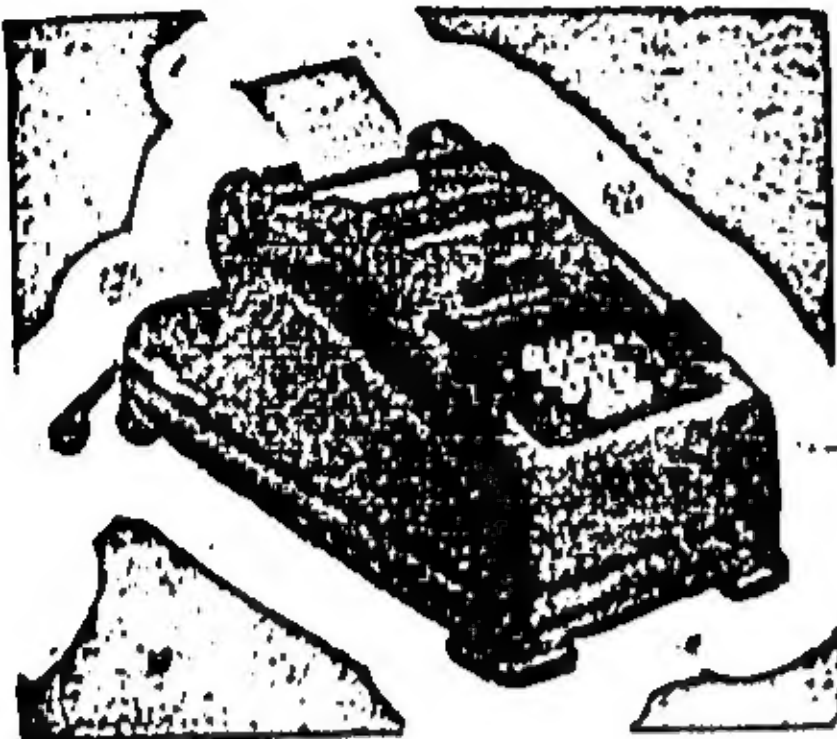
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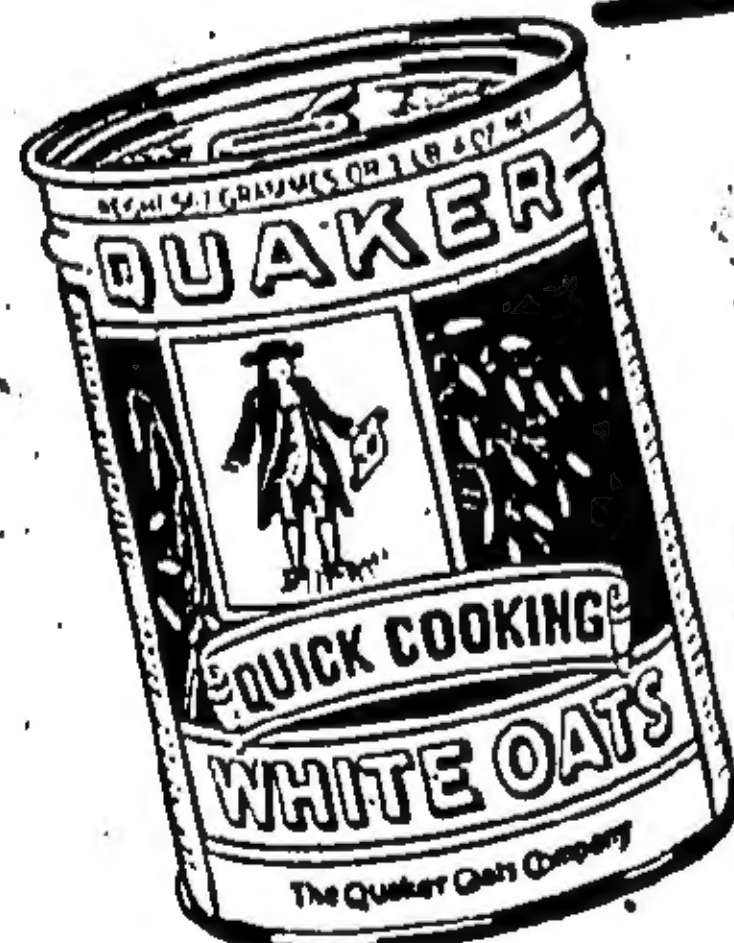
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MEETING OF RED LABOUR UNIONS

Budapest, May 24.

The 78,000,000 workers of the World Federation of Trade Unions will fight to the end to "save the world from the greatest crime against humanity—war," the organisation's President, Signor Giuseppe d'Vittorio, said today. Signor Vittorio, who is also General Secretary of the Italian Confederation of Labour, was concluding a two-week session here of the Communist-dominated organisation's Executive Committee.

"This is the cry which goes out from this session," he declared. "The workers of the world will never fight against the Soviet Union, the People's Democracies and Democratic China."

The Committee referred to the growing unemployment in the West and the need for increased WFTU propaganda on a world-wide scale. It called on Western trade unions, not affiliated to the Federation, to join its Trade International.

The Committee called on the Indian Government to release from prison Mr. S. A. Dange, General Secretary of the All-Indian Trade Union Congress and Vice-President of the WFTU, and for the withdrawal of the labour Relations Trade Union Bill.

The Australian seamen's union leader, Mr. G. V. Elliot, who was elected today to the Executive, introduced a Bill to protest to the Australian Government against its Anti-Communist Bill. The Committee gave its approval.

Belgrade accused

One woman, a member of a delegation of Greek women, said to be mothers of children now in Yugoslavia, said that the Yugoslav Government had refused to let 1,500 Greek children rejoin their parents in other Eastern European countries.

The session concluded with a mass peace demonstration by Budapest workers.

The Committee approved a resolution expelling the leadership of the Yugoslav trade unions from the Committee. The Committee also called on all working people of the world, to unite in an increased worldwide struggle for peace.—Reuter.

PVO'S TO SURRENDER

Rangoon, May 24.

The Burmese Government announced today that it has reached a cease-fire agreement with the White Band PVO (People's Volunteer Organisation). The group, numbering more than 10,000 men, is one of three rebel forces that has fought the Government for two years.

An official announcement said the PVO men would be told immediately by their leaders to lay down their arms and await further instructions.

The agreement was announced after 12 days of talks between the Burmese Defence Minister, General Ho Ne Win, and the PVO Vice-President, Ho La Yaung.

Ho La Yaung told newsmen that agreement was reached on general principles requiring the surrender of his party men who, in the early post-war period, were the main group of the Government. Details had yet to be worked out.

He had informed the PVO leader, Ho Po Kun, a former Cabinet Minister, to explain for Rangoon immediately to finalise the surrender terms. The successful outcome of the talks, he said, hinged upon a decision of the Burmese Government to permit the surrendering PVO men to re-group into a new political party.—Associated Press.

BERLIN RALLY OPENS

The East German President, Wilhelm Pieck, today officially opened the Berlin Communist youth rally with a savage speech attacking the Western powers.

Herr Pieck told the Communist youths, already whipped to fever pitch by anti-Western propaganda, that Allied bombs destroyed their apartments, schools, sports halls and playgrounds.

The punchy, white-haired veteran Communist spoke to about 10,000 "Young Pioneers," members of the Communist youth organisation, who range in age from six to 13. He spoke at the dedication of the "Ernst Thälmann Republic of Young Pioneers," a tent city which houses part of the 500,000 youths expected—at the rally.—United Press.

BERGMAN WEDS

Rome, May 24.

The Swedish film star, Ingrid Bergman, and the Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini, were married today by proxy in Jutez, Mexico.

Renzo Rossellini, the film director's brother, said that the marriage had been carried out with all legal formalities. He added that the documents attesting to the marriage were now on their way to Rome.—Reuter.

Corporal punishment in Colonies

London, May 24.

Mr. John Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, said in the House of Commons tonight that he proposed to emphasise to all Colonial Governments the need for bringing to an end within a measurable time the use of whipping and flogging.

He was replying to a request by a Labour Member, Mr. Reginald Sorensen, for more information on the findings of an enquiry into the prevalence of corporal punishment in the Colonies.

Mr. Dugdale said that he would recommend that the power to award corporal punishment be restricted to the High Court and that the offences for which the High Court could award corporal punishment to adults be reduced to that of assault in which brutality was involved.—Reuter.

ORLANDO WARNS THE ALLIES

Rome, May 24.

Vittorio Emanuele Orlando warned the Western Allies today not to count on Italian arms in a future war unless they uphold Italy's claim to Trieste.

Speaking on the 35th anniversary of Italy's declaration of war against Austria in the First World War, the 90-year-old "Victory Premier" told a gathering of ex-Servicemen: "Our allies of yesterday are not our friends today."

The white-haired lone survivor of the Big Four of Versailles fought to control his voice and wiped tears from his eyes as he told of Italy's 600,000 dead in the war that gained her Trieste.

"That Eastern boundary crowned the struggle for the unity of Italy," Signor Orlando declared.

Trieste, claimed by both Italy and Yugoslavia, was created a free territory after the Second World War. In 1948 the Western Allies declared they favoured returning the territory to Italy. Since Marshal Tito broke from the Russian orbit, however, the Italians fear the allies have forgotten their declaration.—Associated Press.

Juliana in Paris

Paris, May 24.

French nationals visiting Queen Juliana of Holland today peered back into the shadows of France's own royalty in an afternoon at the historic chateau of Versailles.

For a few hours the palaces and gardens built and made famous by King Louis XIV became the Queen's own domain, reserved for her and her husband, Prince Bernhard, and their French official hosts.

The Queen wore a black heavy silk dress and a halo hat of black aigrette plumes. The Prince, as on Tuesday, wore the uniform of a Dutch Air Force officer.

Following lunch in the Grand Trianon with President and Madame Vincent Auriol and official guests, the Queen asked to drive around the grounds.

As a result they were an hour late in arriving at the "Theatre de la Reine" in the Palace grounds, where a troupe from the French National Theatre starring Momy Dalmeis presented "Le Freuve" by the 18th Century dramatist, Pierre de Marivaux. Guests from the luncheon filled the tiny hall which stands near the Petit Trianon.

The Royal visitors began their day by paying tribute to France's war dead at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier beneath the Arc de Triomphe. Thousands applauded their passage up the Avenue des Champs Elysees, which was cleared and lined with a military guard of honour for the visit.

Just before going to Versailles, the Queen and the Prince laid a wreath at the monument to Admiral Gaspar de Coligny, a distant forebear of the Queen, in the oldest Protestant Church of Paris, the Temple de l'Oratoire. The Admiral was killed in the massacre of the Huguenots in 1572.

Tonight the Queen and the Prince were hosts at dinner in the Dutch Embassy to President and Madame Auriol and French Government figures. A special performance of the Paris Opera was given for the couple at 10 p.m.

Thursday's programme includes a launch trip up the Seine, lunch on the Ile St. Louis, an island in the Seine, a reception at the City Hall and a state dinner in the Foreign Ministry.—Associated Press.

UN ONLY SOLUTION TO "COLD WAR," LIE SAYS

London, May 24.

Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, issued a statement in London tonight just before leaving for the United States.

His recent visit to Marshal Stalin in Moscow had demonstrated that the United Nations offered the only solution to the cold war, and the only method by which peace could be kept, he said.

The statement read:

"I have been asked to make a statement about the results of my talks with Government leaders in London, Paris and Moscow before leaving Europe to return to Lake Success.

"At this time I can only say that I am not dissatisfied with my talks in the three European capitals. No doors have been closed. I return to the headquarters of the United Nations with the belief that the possibility of constructive negotiation exists.

"But the results of these exchanges of views and ideas on the 'cold war' cannot be judged except as they become apparent during the next two or three months. It is necessary to be patient.

"The effect that my visits as Secretary-General to the four capitals have aroused so much public interest demonstrates not only the gravity of the present division between the two sides in the cold war, it also demonstrates that the United Nations is the only way by which the division can be bridged and—in the long run—peace be maintained.

Efforts to be continued

"I cannot leave Europe without thanking all the people everywhere who have expressed their support for my efforts. I have never before received so many letters and telegrams and personal good wishes from known and unknown people in all walks of life as during my visit to Moscow, Paris and London.

"I am grateful especially for the messages from the United Nations associations and other peace groups, the war veterans of France, with 3,000,000 members, many groups of mothers and children, and such statements as the motion signed by 144 members of the House of Commons in the United Kingdom, and the resolution that was adopted by the Congress of the MRP in France.

"I can assure them all that I shall continue my efforts in support of a renewed United Nations approach by the Governments, aimed at reducing the tensions of the cold war and ultimately bringing it to an end."

Mr. Lie, who left London Airport for New York tonight, has been trying to get the leaders of the Big Four to agree to start a series of extraordinary Security Council meetings, which would be attended by the Foreign Ministers of the 11 members, to seek a cold war truce.

None of the four heads of State have said "no" to his proposal, but it cannot be put into effect until the deadlock over the admission of Communist China to the United Nations is settled.

Talks with Bevin

Mr. Lie's statement was made a few hours after Mr. Bevin announced in the House of Commons that Britain is ready and willing to resume talks with Russia on the control of atomic energy as soon as the China question is settled. Such renewed negotiations would be the first since Russia acquired the atomic bomb.

Mr. Lie discussed the international control of weapons of mass destruction when he saw the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, yesterday. Parliament was told today by the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies.

Mr. Lie was well aware of the British Government's readiness to resume consultations in the United Nations as soon as the Soviet Union announced its readiness to attend, Mr. Davies added.

Asked if this matter would be immediately discussed in the United Nations as soon as the problem of Chinese representation was solved, Mr. Davies replied that as soon as the question of Chinese representation had been settled and the Soviet representatives return to the Atomic Commission, the British Government was prepared to resume talks—"as we are now."

Asked if Mr. Lie's visit had in any way advanced the control of these weapons, Mr. Davies said that these talks were of a confidential nature, it was better to wait until Mr. Lie himself made any statement.

Mr. Lie saw the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and Mr. Bevin yesterday on his return from Moscow. He came through Paris where he conferred with the French Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman.—Reuter and United Press.

MIDDLE EAST NATIONS TO BE GIVEN ARMS

Cairo, May 24.

The Egyptian evening newspaper "Al Balagh" quoted highly informed and trusted sources today as saying that Britain, the U.S. and France have decided to supply Middle East nations with defensive armaments.

It said that the Big Three Foreign Ministers at the last meeting in London decided to permit Middle East arms shipments on condition that they were not used for aggressive purposes.

The newspaper added that France will notify Syria and Lebanon of the decision and that Britain and U.S. will notify other countries, including Egypt.

The U.S. Ambassador, Jefferson Caffery, conferred with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohamed Salah Eddin Bey, today.

"Al Balagh" said that Mr. Caffery called in connection with the reported Big Three decision.

The U.S. Embassy Press Officer, Shannon Allen, flatly declined to comment on the purpose of the Ambassador's visit, saying that any statement should come from the Egyptian Government.

An Egyptian Foreign Office spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Damascus despatches published in Cairo quoted official sources as saying that the U.S. had notified Syria that she was prepared to supply her with defensive arms.—Associated Press.

ABDULLAH'S HINT

Amman, May 24.

King Abdullah of Jordan, speaking at an Army Day review attended by 50,000 spectators here today, expressed his hopes for a wider unification in the Arab world.

"I congratulate the people on accomplishing the unification and safeguarding of the sister part of Western Jordan and I hope that a wider unification will come and benefit all Arabs," he said.

The Jordan Assembly passed on April 24 an Act providing for the union of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the part of Palestine under Jordan occupation.

Britain's decision to recognise this union was announced on April 28.—Reuter.

OUTSPOKEN HINT TO AMERICA

Washington, May 24.

Sir John Kotelawala, Ceylon's Transport Minister, told a Press conference in Washington today that America should store some of her surplus wheat in the stomachs of his people.

"The U.S. should send its wheat to aid us in the fight against Communism—or else should sell to us at a lower price, the rest to be paid later," he said.

He advocated the return of Japan and West Germany to full production so that cheaper goods, especially machinery and textiles, could be made available to South East Asia.

Hunger, disease and ignorance were the breeding ground of Communism in South East Asia, he said. "All this mass of land and people is on the verge of starvation."

"If we, their leaders, fail to improve their standards of living, our people will surely fall victims to ideologies other than democracy," he said.

Sir John advocated early implementation of President Truman's Point Four plan to aid under-developed areas.

"But," he added, "the British continue to be our best friends."

American laws which restrict blending of synthetic and natural rubber worked great hardship on the people of Ceylon, he said.

During the war, by slaughtering rubber trees, Ceylon furnished 92 per cent of all natural rubber available to the U.S., said Sir John. This had cut current production, while the use of synthetics had cut prices.—Associated Press.

SAIGON PAPERS SUSPENDED

Saigon, May 24.

Five of Saigon's 10 Vietnamese dailies were ordered today to suspend publication under the censorship order issued yesterday.

An announcement said one had been suspended for publishing a Press Association despatch quoting the New China News Agency as saying that the French forces suffered 5,000 casualties in the recent Nationalist attack on Travinh. The French had called the Vietnam attack a failure.

Another paper was suspended for publishing articles which the Government claimed were defamatory and inflamed the suppositions of the population of Vietnam.

No reason has been given for the suspension of the other three papers.—United Press.

MANOEUVRES IN BISCAY

HMS Implacable, May 24.

Atlantic Treaty warships under Dutch command ranged the Bay of Biscay today in the first exercises of the manoeuvres in the fleet's extended summer programme.

The 13 warships are this afternoon running into a submarine ambush, while aircraft of Coastal Command tried to spot the underwater force composed of two British and three Dutch submarines.

Heavy gunfire played over the usually peaceful Bay this morning when cruisers carried out artillery practice.—Reuter.

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Minister is a family man



Patrick C. Gordon-Walker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary in the Labour Cabinet, is seen with his wife Muriel and their twin sons, Alan (left) and Robin. They are pictured in their home at Golders Green. Besides the three-year-old twins there are three older girls. (Associated Press Photo).

AMERICA'S NEW ALLY TERMED A WEAK REED

New York, May 24.

In a four-page article, Time magazine today says the U.S. has a new frontier and a new ally in the cold war—Indo-China. But the article concludes that all in all, the new ally is a weak reed.

Carrying a cover picture of Vietnam's Bao Dai, the magazine traces Indo-China's modern history, the rise of Ho Chi-minh and his Communist bid for power.

FRENCH STAND ON PEKING

Paris, May 24.

France will not stand in the way of Communist China's joining the United Nations, informed diplomats predict.

This nation, however, finds it extremely difficult actively to favour support of the Chinese Communists, said a high-level informant.

The Foreign Office made no official comment on the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin's, statement in Parliament today that Communist China should be seated in the UN.

The official French position has been, however, that Communist China's recognition of the rebel Ho Chi-minh's regime, which is fighting France in Indo-China, has made it very difficult for France to take any action in support of the Communist Chinese Government in the United Nations.

Authoritative foreign diplomatic observers believe, however, that France will not oppose the admission of Red China. The United States' attitude has been roughly similar since the U.S. State Department has intimated that it will not block China's admission to the United Nations if the Security Council votes for it.

France's attitude now is that the recognition of Communist China is impossible because of the political turmoil in Indo-China, which is threatened by Red Chinese troops on its Northern border.

In Indo-China, Communist-trained Ho Chi-minh has formed a guerrilla government called the Vietminh which opposes the French-sponsored regime of former Emperor Bao Dai's Vietnam. Russia, Communist China and other Communist satellites have recognised Ho; most Western nations have recognised Bao Dai. Britain has recognised both Bao Dai and the Chinese Communist regime of Mao Tse-tung. —Associated Press.

NEW ZEALAND WANTS DP'S

Frankfurt, May 24.

A New Zealand mission arrived in Frankfurt today to select 1,000 displaced persons for resettlement in New Zealand.

James N. Placer and Dr. Clive Cameron, mission members, said New Zealand wants married couples up to the age of 55—particularly plasterers and carpenters.

The mission hopes to complete its selection by the end of July. Transport for migrants will be paid for by the International Refugee Organisation. —Associated Press.

Canberra, May 24.

The Australian Labour Party decided today to introduce into the Senate—where it has a majority—a bill demanding a referendum on the question of giving Australia "permanent" power to control prices. —Associated Press.

WORLD FACING NEW DARK AGE, UNESCO DELEGATE WARNS

Florence, May 24.

The world faced a new dark age unless men bridged the nightmare gulf of suspicion and hatred that divided them, India's delegate, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, warned the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation here today.

He strongly condemned State compulsions which were de-humanising men and producing an "ant hill" society.

"While more than half the population of the world in Asia and Africa lives below the normal subsistence level, the other is spending its time, wealth and energy in building armies, navies and air forces which will avert nothing, which will solve nothing," he said.

"While there are millions who are hungry, millions who have no homes, millions who have no hope, our Governments are engaged in war preparations."

"Whatever may be the military results of another war, which is likely to be atomic, biological and bacteriological, its political results are obvious: extinction of democratic ideas and ideals throughout the world."

"Nobody will stand to gain from it. Whoever may be the nominal victors, neither democracy nor Communism would survive in their present forms."

"The legacy of hatred, disease and starvation would be incalculable. The destruction, moral and material, would far outweigh any political or economic advantages."

Dr. Radhakrishnan, who is Indian Ambassador in Moscow, was addressing the 1,000 delegates to UNESCO's fifth general session in the tapestry-hung Hall of the Palazzo Vecchio in Florence.

"The dignity of man requires that his individuality be recognised, that he is not lost in an anonymous crowd. On all sides we see the perfection of organisation and the withering of man."

Debasing of standards

"The eclipse of human rights by State compulsions, the debasing of ethical standards by denunciations in all spheres, politics and art, trade and international relations, the indoctrination by the Press, radio and cinema, the bureaucratic control of education, information and publicity are de-humanising men and producing an ant hill society."

"International understanding is one of our central aims, and yet we are being educated in the wrong way. We are given to the contemplation of our own virtues and the condemnation of other people's weaknesses."

"This nation is immoral, that other is decadent. This nation consists of prototypes of slave mentality, that consists of barbarous sub-human gangsters."

"This sort of idiotic chatter, vile nationalist propaganda, goes on in the drawing rooms of even those who consider themselves to be cultivated."

"Every country is someone's country. We must be taught to ponder over the defects of ourselves and the qualities of others, for no nation has a monopoly of either virtue or vice."

Making faces

"We have become armed missionaries for our ways of life. We are busy consolidating our teams, asking nations to line up on this side or the other."

"We do not talk to each other but make faces at each other. We are facing one another across yawning psychological gulfs of suspicion and hatred."

"We do not wish to compose our differences for we have come to believe that human beings are like vicious animals who cannot be tamed except by the whip. We have developed an inordinate faith in power and arms."

"Any major conflict will bring disaster on a scale hitherto unknown. The world is closely interconnected and conflicts cannot be localised."

The cause of revolutions

Dr. Radhakrishnan said it was an over-simplification to hold that the increase of intrigues of some States was the main cause of humanity's troubles.

"The revolution which started 100 years ago in France is still in progress. Those who are subjected to one form or another of exploitation are attempting to break the shackles of tradition, to liberate themselves from imperial rule, to modernise themselves."

"The slowness of evolution is the cause of revolutions."

Dr. Radhakrishnan said that by the technical assistance to under-developed areas under President Truman's Point Four programme, UNESCO must work to dispel ignorance and raise the standards of life.

"We may perhaps set up a world development corporation or a capital investment fund which will work on the principle—each according to his productive capacity and to each according to his urgent needs."

"Even Communist countries will be attracted to the United Nations' ideals if such a scheme is organised. It will remove one of the basic causes of wars, the wide gap between unprecedented wealth in a few countries and grinding poverty in many others."

Tolerance needed

Dr. Radhakrishnan appealed for the destruction of fanaticism. "Fanaticism is a psychological bar to human unity," he said. "We wish to crush our opponents, beat down our foes, not understand them."

"We in this Organisation believe that tolerance is the first condition of peace and intolerance is its greatest enemy."

"We must give voice to the desire of the world for peace, democracy, economic and political, and gather round our banner not only the contented and the well-to-do, but the oppressed and the suffering who are the great majority."

Dr. Radhakrishnan quoted from the Acts of the Apostles: "God has made of one blood all nations of men who dwell on the face of the earth."

"This is science, this is religion," he said. "This is commonsense, this is wisdom. Our faith must be followed by works. Let us form ourselves into a secular priesthood, consecrate ourselves to this great task of achieving a new world of peace, plenty, of goodwill among men."

Fadhel Jamali, former Foreign Minister of Iraq and the chief Iraqi delegate to the conference, told the session that his people had lost faith in all international organisations, UNESCO included.

"The decision of the United Nations for the partition of Palestine, which led to the homelessness of 1,000,000 Arab people, shook the faith of my people in the justice of international organisations as a whole," he said. —Reuter.

Reluctant support for wage freeze

London, May 24.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress decided today that the Socialist Government's wage freeze policy must stay, despite a "higher pay" revolt by 6,000,000 industrial workers.

But they gave warning that it might impose an intolerable strain on the wage-bargaining system if continued indefinitely.

The Council decided that further consideration of the wage policy should be given by the Congress's special Economic Committee, which would prepare a statement to be issued to the whole trade union movement. —Reuter.

KMT property in Penang

Penang, May 25.

Steps for a final arrangement regarding the property of the former Chinese Consulate in Penang and other matters have been taken by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at a committee meeting.

The Consulate property was handed over to the Chamber by former Consul, Mr. N. K. Lee, on the British recognition of Communist China early this year.

According to the committee's decision, three members have been appointed to look into the matter and finalise the arrangements. —Associated Press.

London, May 24.

The British film actor, Stewart Granger, entered a London Clinic today to have his tonsils removed. Granger, who arrived here on Friday, is on holiday from Hollywood. —Associated Press.



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HOTEL FRACAS:

ENVOY REFUSED IMMUNITY BY MAGISTRATE

New Delhi, May 24.

The Court today refused to grant the Argentine Ambassador, Dr. Oscar Tascheret, special diplomatic immunity in the trial of a young Briton who is charged with assaulting him by pouring ice water over him in a hotel fray. The police prosecutor and the Ambassador's lawyer argued that Dr. Tascheret because of his position should not be asked to appear in court as a witness.

He asked that he be allowed to give evidence inside the Hotel Imperial suite which houses the Argentine Embassy, or by affidavit.

The magistrate replied that the Court's jurisdiction did not extend to the Embassy, which is foreign territory, and ruled that the Ambassador and two other members of the Embassy also listed as witnesses should appear in Court as ordinary citizens if the prosecution wished to present their evidence against John Edwards, aged 27, of London, who is handling his own defence.

Edwards, reading passages from a weighty international law book, successfully objected to the prosecution's pleas.

A gallon-sized pitcher labelled "Exhibit B" stood displayed on the examination of two prosecution witnesses began. Dr. Tascheret was not present.

Manager's story

The Italian manager of the Hotel Imperial said he was not present in the Hotel's Supper Club when the incident occurred on May 6. He saw no injuries on any portion of the Ambassador's body when he arrived on the scene a few minutes later.

He asked Edwards to apologise—which he did—for throwing water on the Ambassador. He did not hear Edwards abuse the Ambassador.

The second witness said Dr. Tascheret was enjoying a laugh when the water was poured. "Everyone was stunned," he said. He added that the pitcher's force raised a confusion on the Ambassador's head.

A reference to political regimes, including Argentina, followed, he said. He admitted that Edwards made an effort to apologise.

—United Press.

URANIUM TALKS

Washington, May 24.
Important talks on uranium between the United States, Britain and South Africa will take place in Washington in the late summer or autumn.

Officials today told Reuters that the object of the talks would be to determine the conditions under which South Africa would sell to Britain and the United States the large quantities of uranium which it is now prepared to extract from gold ore in South Africa.—Reuters.

San Francisco, May 24.
The Chinese delegate to the Executive and Liaison Committee of the Universal Postal Union left Prague by air yesterday for Montreux, Switzerland, where the Union is meeting. This news was given by Peking Radio last night.—Reuters.

SPY CASE FORECAST

Washington, May 24.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson, a member of America's Congressional Atomic Committee, tonight predicted further arrests following the interview by FBI agents of the British atomic spy, Klaus Fuchs.

Senator Johnson thought the arrest last night of the chemist, Harry Gold, of Philadelphia, as an alleged associate of Fuchs was only the beginning of a round-up of other accomplices.

Gold, a 38-year-old research chemist of Russian extraction, has been charged with receiving atomic bomb secrets from Fuchs and turning them over to Russia.

Gold, was recruited by a Soviet spy ring in 1940.

Jacob Golos, late boss of the admitted Communist courier, Elizabeth Bentley, did the recruiting. Golos headed the "Soviet Tourist Bureau" in New York and died in 1943.

Elizabeth Bentley, who named numerous persons as Communists before a Congressional committee, gave information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation which led to its knowledge of Gold. As a result of this, he was called before a special Federal Grand Jury in 1947 which later indicted 11 Communist leaders on charges of conspiring to teach overthrow of the Government.

At that time, however, there was no knowledge of the atomic spying of Klaus Fuchs, whose case did not break until this year. There was no information which could have tied Gold to the theft or disclosure of atomic secrets. When the Fuchs case broke, the FBI began a painstaking search of many months, during which it sifted through a list of some 1,200 suspects. It is possible it may have taken up Gold's name immediately for checking. Contrary to some reports, Gold's name was not given to the FBI by Fuchs.—Reuters and United Press.

Israel border incidents

Amman, May 24.

At least five Arab peasants have been killed in an increasing number of border incidents along the Israel frontier in the last few days.

A United Nations spokesman confirmed this number of dead and stated that the incidents are being investigated by Jordan and Israel delegates on the United Nations Armistice Commission, set up under the Rhodes Agreement.

Jordan newspapers have reported separate incidents in the vicinity of Hebron, to the South. Although there have been no official statements on these latter incidents they have been confirmed by informed sources.

Three Arabs were shot and killed in separate incidents in the vicinity of Tulkaam by fire from Israeli patrols last Sunday and Monday. A girl was seriously wounded in one of the incidents.

An Arab patrol exchanged fire with Jewish forces following the killing of the pair at Tulkaam. The week previously, Israelis were accused of taking prisoner four Arab home guards—an emergency defence force trained and organised by the Arab Legion.

These four have not yet been released, according to reports. Villagers, especially in the Hebron area, are exchanging fire with Israeli patrols in what they term defensive actions on their own territory.—Associated Press.

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS FOR JOURNALISM

Montevideo, May 24.

The United Nations' Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and the Press, meeting here, has approved a four-point code of professional ethics for journalists.

The code was approved by eight votes in favour, with Yugoslavia against, and the Philippines, the United States and Britain abstaining.

It condemns the taking of bribes, publication of false news, defamation and the publication of news about the private lives of individuals which may prejudice their reputation except when the public interest demands.

Foreign correspondents are told that they must gain the necessary knowledge to write accurately and objectively about the countries whose news they report.

The Sub-Commission yesterday engaged in a day-long revision of the preamble to its code. The preamble agreed on yesterday was considerably shortened, largely at the suggestion of Mr. Devadas Gandhi (India).

In its final form, this read as follows:

"Whereas freedom of information and the Press is essential to the fundamental freedoms proclaimed by the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to the peace of humanity.

"Whereas this freedom can best be defended by members of the Press and other media of information in continuously main-

taining and promoting by voluntary action a sense of responsibility wherewith to see the truth and report facts or comment upon them.

"Therefore the following professional ethical code is proclaimed as the normal conduct for persons entrusted with the obtaining, transmitting, diffusion and commenting upon news."

The text of the code itself decided as follows:

No suppression of news

(1) "Every person entrusted with obtaining, transmitting, diffusing or commenting on news must endeavour to secure that news received by the public is accurate, corresponding to the facts and objective. Doubtful news must be verified and must not be twisted in any fact nor must (any fundamental fact be omitted).

"No news item must be published which is known to be false, nor must any part be taken in its publication."

(2) "Personal interest must not alter professional conduct. It is forbidden to subvert by publishing or suppressing news,

which constitutes one of the most serious professional crimes.

"Calumny, libel, defamation, unfounded accusations and plagiarism are also grave crimes.

"When published information proves to be inaccurate, it must be rectified voluntarily and at once.

"Rumours and unconfirmed news must be presented and treated as such.

Integrity of profession

(3) "Every person entrusted with obtaining, transmitting, diffusing or commenting on news must so act as to preserve public confidence and the integrity and dignity of his profession, and will act so that his professional capacity may not be exploited for bad ends.

"He assumes full responsibility for all information and commentaries which are published.

"He must respect the reputation of every individual, and must not publish news relating to their private lives which may prejudice their reputation, except when the public interest so demands.

"He will observe the greatest discretion in respect of sources of origin, and news disclosed in confidence. Professional secrecy must be respected.

(4) "Every person entrusted with obtaining news about a country other than his own or with expressing opinions on such news must so act as to gain the necessary knowledge for accuracy, and objectivity in such news."—Reuters.

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BAFFLING CASE OF VIBRATING NOISES

London, May 24.

Ralph B. Cox, 68-year-old retired solicitor, is working hard on his most baffling case—the affair of the vibrating noises which he and many Britons say they hear every moment of the day and night.

Now his inquiries have become international. He has had reports that the noises, unaccountable to scientists, are being heard in the United States, Denmark and Spain.

Soprano to give recital

Miss Dora Chih, one of the best coloratura sopranos in Hong Kong today, will present a vocal recital at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden at 9 p.m. today.

Miss Chih has chosen to sing among other things French songs including "Si mes vœux avaient des ailes," and Chopin's "Tristesse." The programme will also have a group of English songs among which are "The Last Rose of Summer," "By the Waters of Minnetonka," and "The Swallow."

Miss Chih, noted especially for her excellent rendition of operatic arias, will also sing "Caro Nome" from Rigoletto, an aria from Gaetano's "Romeo and Juliet," and "Ave Maria," a special composition by Mr. P. J. Lobo, well-known composer of Macao.

Mr. Lobo has composed more than 60 songs and musical pieces, but the "Ave Maria" is considered his best work. It won great acclaim in Macao and Miss Chih is taking this opportunity of introducing the song to Hong Kong.

Miss Chih's concert will be enhanced by the appearance of Professor Harry Ore as guest artist. She will have as her accompanist Miss Mable Quon, who needs no introduction to music lovers. Dr. Wang, well-known local pianist, will assist Miss Chih in her obligations.

Not everyone hears the racket, but persons who are "tuned in" are distressed by it. Their health suffers, they do not sleep well, and perhaps the greatest embarrassment is that their friends think there is something wrong with their heads.

"It's in the head, all right, but we sufferers are not unbalanced mentally," said Mr. Cox. "Among the persons who have told me they hear this noise are a professor of a British university, a clergyman, an army officer, and a shrewd business man. I sometimes wish some atomic scientist, physician or authority on acoustics would come down with the complaint. Perhaps we could then get some serious consideration from science."

He is trying hard, Mr. Cox said, to keep his investigations on a rational basis.

"Many persons who hear nothing but us in a class with the people who say they see flying saucers," he said. "And I'm getting tired of the flippant suggestions that we are hearing communications from the little men of Mars. The explanation, I am sure, is much closer at hand, having something to do with

modern machines which, unknown to their designers, send out mysterious rays affecting some of us."

Case histories

Keeping up correspondence relating to the noise is almost a full-time job for Mr. Cox, and Mrs. Cox, who hears it too. Letters already fill several filing cases, and Mr. Cox, collecting evidence in his North London home with the careful discrimination of a lawyer, is building up case histories.

He knows when to expect a lot of letters. The noise gets louder occasionally. He is aware of the increased volume, of course, and promptly from many quarters come messages saying that the thing has become worse. Such sudden spurts of letters would seem to be evidence that the sufferers are hearing the same racket.

The noise, many correspondents agree, started in 1942. It may be significant, said Mr. Cox, that in that year scientists started intensive work in atomic research, development of radar, jet propulsion and other devices, on and off the list of official secrets.

Many use the same phrases in describing the noise. It is "wind singing in telephone wires." It is "a low hum with a secondary higher note." It is "the sound of a distant piano, which never comes nearer." It is "a bar of angry wasps." It "pulsates, vibrates, stabs your nerves."

Not machines

The Noise Abatement League, of which Sir Christopher Robinson is secretary, has taken an interest in it and is keeping Sir Christopher said, an open mind. Physicians have found no physical cause in sufferers, and are inclined to dismiss it as foolishness when their orthodox treatments for head noises fail.

Telephone and electricity administrations have been sympathetic. They have changed the wiring of several houses, and have turned machines on and off to see whether sufferers get relief. They don't.

Mr. Cox is approaching a conclusion that some of the modern era machines, jet propulsion motors, radar, radio and atomic researches, are not responsible. He and his fellow sufferers have gone to remote places in Wales and Scotland, far from machines. The noise persists, indoors or out. Moreover, it gets worse in the early hours of the morning; hardly a time when scientific research workers are the most active.

"But perhaps the scientists haven't told us all," said Mr. Cox. "Something mysterious may be going on somewhere, possibly outside Britain. That's why we're eager to get data from around the world."

He got some from Denmark where the eerie sounds aroused speculation in the Press.

"Made earth tremble"

A British woman who has lived many years in Spain has reported that the noise bothers her both in Barcelona and Madrid.

The latest evidence to get into Mr. Cox's files comes from W. F. Smith, of Houston, Texas, who is associated with a firm of consulting engineers. Mr. Smith wrote that he has heard the sound and had an impression that it made the earth tremble.

"That's a common observation," said Mr. Cox. "Some of our correspondents say their beds vibrate, although non-sufferers can't notice it. I have asked Mr. Smith for more precise data."

One woman who hears the noise wrote: "I shall never again scold my dog for howling beside my radio, or piano. He is distressed by discords we don't hear." Associated Press.

Greek Parliament and Enosis

Athens, May 24.
The Greek Prime Minister, Nicholas Plastiras, joined all parties of Parliament last night in support of the campaign of the British-ruled island of Cyprus for union with Greece.

M. Plastiras told a cheering Parliament that he hoped the pan-Hellenic desire for union of Cyprus with Greece would be realised within the framework of the great democratic tradition of the great democracy—United Press.

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12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.35—Music of Haydn.

12.45—"Melody from British Radio"—George Grou and His Blue Melody Dance Orchestra. (BBC7S)

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Interlude.

1.30—"Lunchtime Music."

2.00—Close Down.

2.05—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

2.10—"Garden Farm"—A Feature Programme for Children. "The Harvest Field." (BBC7S)

2.30—Cantonese by Radio—Given by Miss Lee Wei Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio)

2.50—Diana Lynn (Piano) with Orch.

3.00—"Music Lovers Hour"—Classical and Light Classical Requests Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)

3.05—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

3.15—Studio Concert—Mary Ramsey (Soprano), John Small (Baritone) with Piano. Accompanied by Betty Brown.

3.20—Interlude—Albert Sander & His Orchestra.

3.40—"Service Quits"—Conducted by Kenneth Mackenzie (Studio)

3.50—"From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay)

3.55—Weather Report.

4.05—Excerpts from Noel Coward's "Music for a Pastic 1800"

4.15—"Paul Temple and the Madson Mystery"—by Francis Durbridge. No. 41 "Hubert Green Entertains." (BBC7S)

4.30—"Composer of the Week"—Ravi. Light Orch. (BBC7S)

4.45—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orch. (BBC7S)

4.55—Dance to Benny Goodman & His Orch.

5.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

5.15—Weather Report.

5.20—Goodnight Music.

5.25—Close Down.

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A.M.

7.00—Up With The Sun.

7.30—Musical Clock.

7.45—Ed. A. Keller Programme.

8.00—News & Weather Forecast.

8.15—Random Rhythm.

8.45—A Programme for Women.

9.00—Morning Music.

9.30—Friday's Favourite Classics.

10.00—Morning Melody.

P.M.

12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.

12.15—Tune Time.

12.30—Dance Music.

1.00—Singer.

1.15—News.

1.30—Music For You.

2.00—Friday Concert.

2.30—Today's Choice.

2.45—Ellis Bryant and His Wildcats.

3.00—Vocally Yours.

3.15—Music Makers.

3.30—Harmony Hall.

3.45—Children's Corner.

3.55—Radio Headlines.

4.00—Request Programme.

4.30—The Jumps' Jacks.

4.45—Do You Remember.

5.00—Music Carpet.

5.15—Candidat and Silver.

5.30—B.B.C. News.

5.45—Local News.

5.55—The Sweetwood Serenaders.

6.00—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.

6.05—The Star Line.

6.15—Time Out with Allan Prescott.

6.30—"Cheer Time"

10.00—B.B.C. News.

10.10—Local News.

10.15—Romantic Circle.

10.30—Make Believe Ballroom.

11.00—Music of Manhattan.

11.30—A Date with Dreamland.

12.00—Close Down.

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Lesson 36 (A)

Vocabulary:

204. (chue) jue(2)
205. (chiu) jueco(1)
206. (chung) (3)joong
207. (taan) (3)daan (or) daan(2)
208. (tsin) dzeen(1)
209. (shaang) shaang(1)

210. (shuk) (3)shook
211. (tsai) tsay(3)
212. (hong) hong(3)
213. (tsai) tsay(3)

214. (ts'it) ts'et(3)
215. (ts'it) ts'et(3)
216. (ts'it) ts'et(3)
217. (ts'it) ts'et(3)

Combinations:

1. Jue(2) hoh(2).
2. (3)Joong (2) yau (2)moh?
3. (3)Joong (2)yau deel(1).
4. (2)Yau (3)joong yeeoo(3) mah(3)?
5. (2)Ngaw (3)joong yeeoo(3) deel(1)?
6. (3)Joong hoh(2).
7. Dzeen(1) daan(2).
8. Boon(3) shaang(1).
9. (3)shook.
10. Tsay(3) (3)shook.
11. Hong(3) daw(1)-see(2).
12. (3)Eok-dee(1) hoh(2)-deel(1)?
13. (1)Ngau (2)naaye.

Imitative Expressions:

4. (Yut(1) tsay(3)) daw(1) see(2).

General Expressions:

75. Tsay(3) tsay(2).
76. Seeo(2) dzeo(2).
77. Faw(2) tui(2).
78. Yeen(1) (3)yoek.
79. (3)Meen baau(1).
80. (3)Muk (1)pay.

Dzoh-tsaan:

- 1.A. Dzoh(2)-(1)shun.
- 2.B. Dzoh(2)-(1)shun.
- 3.C. Dzoh(2)-tsaan(1) jue(2)-hoh(2) (3)may ah(3)?
- 4.A. (3)May ah(3)?
5. (2)Yau gum(1)-jueco(1) (3)shik mut(1)-(2)ych neh(1)?
- 6.B. (3)Joong (2)yau faw(2)-tui(2) (2)moh ah(3)?
- 7.A. (2)Moh faw(2)-tui(2).
8. (2)Yau yeen(1)-(3)yoek.
- 9.B. Gum(2)-(3)dzau, yeen(1)-(3)yoek daan(2) lah(1).
- 10.A. Dzeen(1) gay(2)-daw(1)-jek(3) daan(2) neh(1)?
- 11.B. Dzeen(1) gay(2)-jek(3) daan(2) lah(1).
12. Deel(1) daan(2) (1)m-hoh(2) dzeen(1)-duk(1) tsay(3)-(3)shook, boon(3)-shaang(1)-(3)shook (3)dzau hoh(2) lok(3).
- 13.A. Hong(3). (1)m-hong(3) daw(1)-see(2) neh(1)?
- 14.B. (2)Ngaw (1)m yeeoo(3) daw(1)-see(2) lok(3).
15. Bay(2) (2)lieng-tsay(3) daan(2) lah(1) (2)ngaw lah(1).
16. Seeo(2)-dzeo(2) joong(1)-yee(3)-(3)shik daw(1).
17. Hong(3) gay(2) tsay(3) bay(2) (2)kui lah(1).
18. Deel(1) (3)meen-bau(1) (1)m-hoh(2) tsee(3)-duk(1) gum(3) (2)hau (3)hok-dee(1) hoh(2)-deel(1).
- 19.A. (3)Joong yeeoo(3) (1)ngau-(2)naaye (3)muk-(1)pay mah(3)?
- 20.B. (1)m yeeoo(3) lok(3).
21. (2)Ngaw gum(1)-jueco(1) (1)m (3)hau gay(2) (2)loh-(3)ngaw.

To cook. Morning. Besides. Further Still. An egg.

To fry. Also. Born. Raw. Unripe. Unfamiliar.

Cooked. Ripe. Familiar. Too. Excessively. To bake. To toast. A slice. A pane. Classifier for flat things having reasonable thickness.

To cut. To slice. Thick. Thin. Milk.

Well cooked. Is (are) there any more? There is (are) some more. Do you want any more?

I want some more.

Better still. To fry eggs. Fried eggs. Medium-cooked.

Over-cooked. Over-ripe. To make toast. The thinner the better.

Cow's milk.

(A piece of) toast.

Mrs. Madam. Miss. Ham. Bacon. Bread. Out-meal. Porridge.

Breakfast: Good morning, Madam.

Good morning. Is breakfast ready yet?

No, not yet. What will you have (eat) this morning?

Is there any more ham?

There's no ham. There's bacon. Well then, bacon and eggs.

How many eggs shall I fry?

Fry four eggs.

Don't over-fry the eggs. Medium-cooked will be all right.

Shall I make some toast?

I don't want any toast.

Give me two slices of bread.

The young lady would like toast.

Make her a few slices.

Don't cut the bread so thick the thinner the better.

Do you want milk and porridge as well?

No. I'm not very hungry this morning.

(To be continued)

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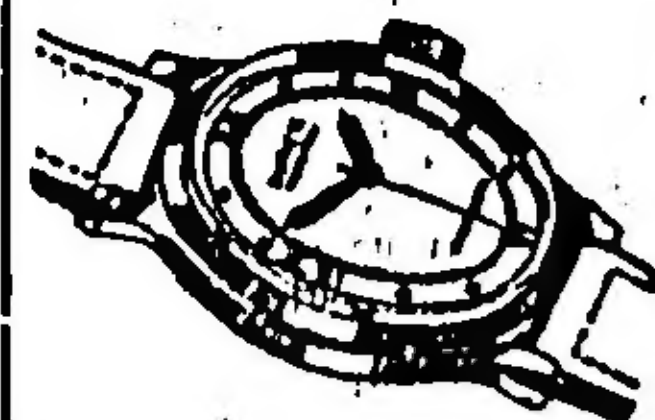
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SWISS WATCHSOUTH CHINA BEAT CRC
IN RETURN MATCH

Many tennis enthusiasts were present at the South China AA Club, King's Park, yesterday to see the return match between South China AA and the Chinese Recreation Club in the Mixed Doubles "A" Division.

When they met the first time at the Chinese Recreation Club, South China AA just managed to win by five sets to four. They then had the services of the reigning Colony's tennis champion, Ip Koon-hung, who has since sailed for England and Wimbledon.

However yesterday South China AA ably led by Edwin Tsai were too good for their visitors and won the encounter by 5½ sets to 3½.

Edwin Tsai partnered by Mrs. Mary Chow played a grand first set against the veteran Tsai Wai-pui and Mrs. E. Litton, and although at one time they were trailing four games to one, the South China pair made a great recovery and eventually won the set at seven games to five. Mrs. Chow gave her partner every support and in the long rallies more than held her own against Tsai Wai-pui.

At the end of the first round, South China AA were leading by 2½ to 1½. After the second round the eventual winners had obtained the 4½ sets to their opponents 1½. Although CRC tried hard to win at the remaining sets, Edwin Tsai and Mrs. M. Chow dashed their hopes to the ground when they easily overcame George Chou and Miss W. W. Choy by six games to two.

The following are the results of matches played yesterday:

Mixed Doubles "A"

SCAA 5½-CRC 3½

E. Tsai and Mrs. M. Chow beat W. P. Tsai and Mrs. E. Litton 7-5; beat Y. P. Tsai and Mrs. T. F. Lo 6-1; beat G. Chou and Miss W. W. Choy 6-2.

D. Tsai and Mrs. K. H. Ip beat Tsai and Mrs. Litton 2-8; beat Tsai and Mrs. Lo 6-4; beat Chou and Miss Choy 6-2.

G. Lum and Mrs. Tao lost to Tsai and Mrs. Litton 2-8; lost to Tsai and Mrs. Lo 1-6; drew with Chou and Miss Choy 6-6.

LRC 7-KCC 2

W. D. J. Cooper and Mrs. Talbot (LRC) drew with F. Zimmern and Mrs. Tebbutt 6-6; beat A. V. White and Miss P. Ward 6-3; beat T. E. Baker and Mrs. Benjamin 6-1.

Dr. Smart and Mrs. Tamworth (LRC) beat Zimmern and Mrs. Tebbutt 7-5; lost to White and Miss Ward 3-6; beat Baker and Mrs. Benjamin 6-4.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Armstrong (LRC) drew with Zimmern and Mrs. Tebbutt 6-6; beat White and

Oxford dismissed
for 194 runs by
West Indies XI

Oxford, May 24.

In bitterly cold weather, which seemed to affect the fieldsmen and batsmen alike, the West Indies cricket touring team dismissed Oxford University for 194 runs here on the first day of their three-day match and at the close of play had made 61 for two wickets in reply.

C. E. Winn, Oxford's left-hander, and B. Boobyer, were the only batsmen to stand up to the West Indies bowling. Grey threatening clouds and a bitter wind provided miserable conditions and to make matters

NO PLAY

Oxford, May 25.

Owing to rain, there was no play during lunch in the Oxford University versus West Indies cricket match today.

Reuter.

worse for the touring team than the University's loss and decided to play on Saturday.

At which the University has scored 67 for two wickets in the first half-hour before the rain.

The South Africa who played Rugby Union for England last season, misjudged the swing of a ball from Gomez and was bowled leg stump.

Sixteen runs later, Carr missed a ball from Ramadhin when play-

ing a backward defensive stroke and was leg-before.

Not as lively as usual

The West Indies must have felt the cold a good deal and their work in the field was not as lively as usual. The Christ church ground, where the match is being played, never stages more than one first-class match a year, and the lasting qualities of the pitch are doubtful.

The shivering crowd of about 4,000 found cricket as dull as the weather after lunch. The West Indies players were heavy sweaters and it was noticeable that, when they stopped a ball which left the bat with any force, they wrung their hands in pain.

The third wicket put on 47 in 70 minutes before Williams, with his second ball, bowled Lewis.

Williams followed by holding a splendid return catch from Boobyer, who batted just over two and a half hours for his 42 runs.

Winn, a left-hander, soon showed his intention of enlivening the play. He put plenty of power behind his strokes and reached his 50 in 70 minutes.

Kidd, Campbell, Divecha, and Bartlett were all dismissed cheaply and Winn's exhibition was the highlight of Oxford's rather

Americans
do well at
St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's, May 25.
M. G. Thornton of Royal Colombo was beaten in the fifth round of the British Amateur Golf Championship today by Mr. E. K. Graveley, one of the Americans by five and three.

Frank Stranahan played sterling golf from the start of his match with the Swede, R. Thorsen, and reached the turn in 35 with a lead of four holes.

He also took the eleventh in three and two halves left him dumpy five before a win at the fourteenth gave him victory.

Stranahan was hitting his fours at the long holes compared with Thorsen's fives, the Swede struggling hard against the tremendous long and accurate hitting of the American.

All the Americans so far had done well. Dick Chapman, runner-up to Willie Turnesa three years ago, J. B. McHale, E. K. Graveley and Dynamite Goodloe, all having won with several holes to spare but the sixth, Willie Campbell was locked in a grim battle with the title-holder McCready who was out in 37 to 39 and one hole in front.—Reuter.

Malayan U.
teams to play
in Hong Kong

Singapore, May 25.

A contingent of the University of Malaya comprising 22 players and two officials, will leave Singapore on July 7 for a series of hockey, tennis, badminton and cricket matches in Hong Kong.

The Malayan students will meet teams from the Services, the Colony and Hong Kong University during their tour.

The Malaysians have also accepted an invitation from the Hockey Club of Macao to play one tennis and two hockey matches with the Portuguese colony. Hong Kong University had arranged parties and dances and a trip to the New Territories for the Malayan students. They leave Hong Kong for Singapore on August 4.—Associated Press.

KCC TENNIS
FINALS

The final of the Mixed Doubles Tennis Handicap of the Kowloon Cricket Club will be played at the KCC tomorrow at 3 p.m. when Miss P. Ward and A. V. White meet Mrs. S. Groundwater and N. Hart-Baker.

The final of the Ladies Singles Handicap will be played at the KCC on Sunday morning at 10.30 a.m. between the winner of the game of Mrs. M. Chow against Miss N. Lambert Baker and Mrs. D. M. Pepperell.

In the final of the Men's Singles Handicap, J. Lerou beat A. E. P. Guest 2-6, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

In the semi-finals of the Mixed Doubles Handicap, Mrs. S. Groundwater and N. Hart-Baker beat Lieut. Col. and Mrs. A. Forward 5-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In the semi-finals of the Men's Singles Handicap, T. E. and R. O. Baker beat A. Zimmern and J. V. Sellers 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

FRENCH INT'L
LAWN TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Paris, May 24.

C. Carmona and R. Deyro, of the Philippines, both won their first round men's singles matches when the French International Lawn Tennis Championships started here today.

Carmona beat Henri Felzel (Egypt) 6-1, 6-1, and 6-1, and Deyro beat J. Malosse (France) 6-1, 6-1, and 6-1. He had an easy match, through the first round, beating Jacques Thomas (France) by 6-1, 6-3 and 6-2.—Reuter.

BELGIANS BEAT
DANES 5-4
IN SOCCER MATCH

Copenhagen, May 24.

Belgium beat Denmark by five goals to four after extra time here tonight in the first round of an international military soccer tournament.

The score at the end of 90 minutes was two all.

The draw for the other matches in the first round is Italy versus Turkey, Czech Republic versus Poland, and Sweden versus Finland.

CHINA MAIL

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Fire at HKFC stand



Damage estimated at \$1,000 was caused to the Hong Kong Football Club stand at Happy Valley yesterday, when a quantity of matched roofing piled in a corner caught fire shortly after 8.30 a.m. About 25 yards of the flooring of the stand was destroyed by the fire. Photo shows firemen fighting the flames. "China Mail" photo.

Two men who played
a great part in
Arsenal's Cup win

By WALTER PILKINGTON

Two men who have added much to the lustre of Arsenal Football Club—this year's Football Association Cup winners—are Joe Mercer, captain and English international left half-back, and Tom Whittaker, the manager.

Both are alike in many ways. They are fine club men in their devotion and unswerving loyalty; both are ambitious in pursuit of the Arsenal's greater prestige rather than any self-interest.

The choice of Mercer as "footballer of the year" by sporting journalists in Britain is more than a tribute to a great player; it is a recognition of sterling qualities of character and integrity.

His standing as one of the finest wing half-backs of his time is acknowledged and confirmed by his record of 22 appearances for England, seven times as Captain, and by his share in Arsenal's success in English Football League and the English Football Association's Cup matches.

As a man, he is esteemed for his cheerful personality, honesty and sense of fair play. He is a sportsman who can win or lose with a smile, spare an encouraging word for a downcast opponent, and carry responsibility.

He possesses those two vital assets of leadership and initiative, sets an example to his comrades by his observance of discipline, and altogether is a credit to his adopted club, Arsenal, in whose colours he had the early satisfaction of winning a League championship medal.

Striking change

Until four years ago, Joe Mercer was with Everton. Curiously, his decision to leave this Liverpool club for London after 14 years' service marked a striking change for the better in his career.

Mercer was then 31 years old and, frankly, he thought the time was approaching when he ought to retire. He did not think he was fit enough for the strain and pace of League football, for he had not fully recovered from a cartilage operation on his left knee, and, moreover, he was settled with his family at Liverpool, where he had a thriving grocery business.

Thus, when he was persuaded to see Mr. Tom Whittaker in London, he was seriously thinking of giving up the game as a professional and trying with the idea of becoming a manager. Were he to make that decision today there is little doubt he would receive handsome offers.

In the meantime, Joe Mercer has added to his four enjoyable and profitable years in his playing career.

Mr. Whittaker had the leg weakness put right, and his advice to Mercer to change his style of play to fit into the Arsenal pattern made him as effective as ever.

It fashioned him into a bulwark of Arsenal's defence, able to defend without impairing his skill as a half-player, which had put him in the front rank of constructive wing half-backs in English League football.

Further, Mercer was allowed to continue living in Liverpool, and his family was able to remain in their home town.

DERBY
CALLOVER

London, May 24.

The best-backed horse for the Derby at the Victoria Club callover tonight was the Scottish-trained Persia, who cost his owner, Mrs. F. T. Dodd, only £128 last year.

Persia had 10 points knocked off his price and he closed at 40 to 1.

The favourite American colt, Prince Simon, closed at 2 to 1, the same price as on Monday, while the second favourite, the French challenger, L'Amiral, eased half a point to 7 to 1.

Castle Rock remained at 9 to 1. The Aga Khan's Khorasan and Marcel Boussac's Galcedor came in to 100 to 8 from 100 to 7.

Eases three points

Gordon Richards' mount, Napoleon Bonaparte, eased three points to 28 to 1.

The quotations are: 2 to 1 against Prince Simon, 7 to 1 L'Amiral, 9 to 1 Castle Rock, 100 to 8 Khorasan and Galcedor, 100 to 7 Vieux Manoir, 25 to 1 Telegram, 28 to 1 Napoleon Bonaparte, 40 to 1 Persia, 50 to 1 Double Eclipse and Fort O'Light, 65 to 1 Buller Street, Volnay, Bright Society, Rising Flame and Welsh View 100 to 1 any others.—Reuter.

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Home cricket:

An "Australian"
day against Surrey

London, May 24.

Vic Jackson, Leicestershire's Australian all-round, today performed the first hat-trick of the season by spinning out the Surrey batsmen, Barton, Alex Bedser and Surridge.

It was the second hat-trick of Jackson's career. His final figures were three wickets for 41 runs. His fellow countryman, Jack Walsh, claimed six wickets for 84 to complete an Australian day against Surrey, the remaining batsman being run out.

Wickets tumbled fast at Huddersfield, where Somerset sent Yorkshire in to bat on a soft wicket.

Ellis Robinson, who is a native of Yorkshire, and played for them up to last season, hit the strongest blow against his former County by taking six wickets for 71 runs in 35.4 overs with his right-arm off-spinners.

Among his victims was Norman Yardley, who will captain England against the rest in the Test trial. He was out for on run.

Then John Wardle's left-arm slow deliveries sent back five Somerset batsmen at a personal cost of 25 runs in 16.4 overs and the side were all out for 73.

The only century of the day came from the bat of John Arnold, for Hampshire, against Essex. Mixing sound defence with strong drives and pulls, he hit 18 fours in his 141, scored in four and a half hours.

Batsmen tied down

Peter Smith again bowled very well for Essex, tying down the batsmen with his leg-breaks and googlies and taking five for 80 on an easy pitch. Altogether he bowled 50 overs.

The brothers, John and James Langridge, scored 152 out of Sussex's total of 244 against the Championship leaders, Warwickshire, James getting 72 not out and John 80.

Eric Hollies, who took five wickets for 86 runs for Warwickshire, gave little away and sent down 22 maidens out of 42 overs.

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French
horse wins
the Oaks

Epsom Downs, May 25.

Asmena, a three-year-old filly from Marcel Coussacs powerful French stable, won The Oaks today.

Another French horse, Plume II, was second and Stella Polaris, was third.

The Winning purse was £6,402.

William Woodward's Prince Simon, favourite for Saturday's Derby, never had a chance. Asmena, a chestnut filly, went out in front from the start. This horse paid five to one.

Jockey, W. Johnston, who rides, mostly in France, rode Asmena home a length in front of her stable companion, Plume II.

The favourite, Camaree, hit the lead three furlongs from home, but Asmena came up the strong finisher, and held off a strong challenge by Plume II.

The winner's time was two minutes, 42 and 2/5 seconds.—Associated Press.

FINAL ACCEPTORS
FOR THE
MANCHESTER CUP

London, May 24.

Fourteen final acceptors were announced today for the Manchester Cup, to be run over a mile and a half at Manchester on Saturday, June 3.

They are with weights: Flush Royal (nine stone, two pounds), Lake Place (eight stone, 13 pounds), Sportmaster and Burnt Down (eight stone), Refresher and Merry Miller (eight stone, six pounds), Fast One (eight stone, five pounds), Promotion and Frimling (eight stone, one pound), Merry Month (seven stone, 18 pounds), Royal Lion (seven stone, nine pounds), Rumpellikin (seven stone, seven pounds), Prince Solar (seven stone, six pounds) and Miss Heather (six stone, 12 pounds).—Reuter.

Baseball:

Red Bird rookie
blanks Giants 2-0

New York, May 24.

Rookie Lloyd Boyer blanked the Giants with two hits in a brilliant seven-and-two-thirds-innings relief pitching job on Wednesday to pace the St. Louis Cardinals to a 2-0 win over New York.

Boyer relieved Max Lanier in the second when the Cardinal ace injured his back. Lanier gave up two hits.

Second baseman Red Schoendienst singled in the winning run in the fourth inning.

Stan Musial, the first baseman, stole home for the second run in the eighth.

In the American League, the Chicago White Sox scored five runs in the eighth inning to defeat the Philadelphia Athletics, 10-7.

The Sox sent nine batters to the plate in the eighth inning, including a home run by Paul Richards.

New York's Detroit was postponed because of rain. Associated Press.

Other sports on page 11.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T
Philadelphia Athletics	7	10	2
Chicago White Sox	10	12	1
Washington Senators	4	5	0
Cleveland Indians	2	10	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T
St. Louis Cardinals	2	5	0
New York Giants	0	4	2
Chicago Cubs	1	3	2
Brooklyn Dodgers	0	7	0

OTHER SPORTS

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